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Parents say 'free school' is answer to shortage

By Jenna Pudelek
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PARENTS across west Kent - and Tunbridge Wells in particular - will be watching closely after a bid was launched to create a 'free school' in response to the primary school place shortage.

The group in Kings Hill, West Malling, has been preparing their application to the Department for Education to relieve pressure on the two oversubscribed existing primary schools.

Made up of five parents, whose children attend the exclusive village's Kings Hill and Discovery primary schools, their idea has gained cross-party support from Kent County

Council and the local parish council.

KCC said this year schools in Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells as well as Kings Hill were asked to take on extra pupils.

Angela Vincent, a member of the group proposing the new school, The King's Academy, said: "There is so much demand for primary places in Kings Hill," she said.

"Last September, Discovery school was forced to have 90 children instead of 60, a whole extra form because of the pressure.

"Parents have spoken about their child having to have lunch at 11.30am because it is difficult to accommodate all

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HEALTH

Breast ops grow in size

POPULARITY of breast surgery is rocketing according to a local surgeon.

What's more, he claims the size of cup women are after is on the rise too.

Double-D is now the popular choice - an increase from last summer's trend for C or D cups.

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TELEVISION

BBC antiques show to visit

THE Antiques Roadshow will be heading to west Kent next month, and is urging everyone to check their attics for hidden treasures.

Presented by Fiona Bruce, the ever-popular show will be heading to Hever Castle on June 16 with its experts valuing items.

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FOOTBALL

Sky's the limit for footie fan

A 12-year-old boy has won a dream work experience spot to be a TV commentator for Sky.

Tunbridge Wells schoolboy Oliver Marden will shadow TV anchorman David Jones for a live game in Portsmouth and then again for a Football League play-off final at Wembley Stadium.

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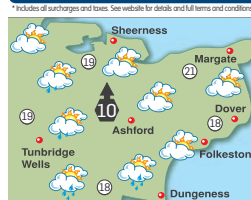
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EDUCATION

Community starts work on free school bid

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these children in one building. They have to take another 90 children this year and the following September.

"Parents are not very happy and children living in Kings Hill are still having to travel to surrounding villages.

"Kings Hill is a growing community that attracts a lot of families. School places are going to siblings and there is not that much room for new people."

Parents in Kings Hill who do not get a place at the local primaries have to drive their children to schools in Mereworth, Ryarsh, Watlington and East Malling. Meanwhile, Discovery school is having to house the extra pupils in portable buildings as makeshift classrooms.

Peter Read, an independent education advisor working across the county, said: "There is a well-known shortage of primary school places in Kings Hill and the two primary schools cannot cope.

"Children living between the two schools and on the periphery are being

forced out of their community into villages some miles away.

"Over the last two years, KCC has put additional children in one or both of the two primary schools, but this is not a long-term planning solution.

"New houses continue to be built, KCC holds weight with the developers to have planned the correct number of school places.

"As the number of houses increases, the problem will get worse. Although I do not approve of free schools in principle, I cannot in this case blame parents who can afford to take action into their own hands and set up a permanent new school, rather than the cobbled-together arrangements at present."

Free schools, brought in by the Conservatives and based on models used in Sweden and America, allow groups of parents, teachers, charities and other organisations, to set up schools. They are funded by central rather than local government. Critics say they will increase divisions in the state system, but

the Government argues they will allow people to improve education.

"I'm sure parents in Tunbridge Wells will be looking closely at developments in Kings Hill, but whether communities in Dartford and Gravesham [where there are also problems with over-subscribed primary schools] have the capacity to introduce their own schools I do not know."

As this newspaper reported in April, problems in Tunbridge Wells came to the fore when the headteacher of Claremont Primary School criticised KCC in a letter to parents, saying "the local authority are reacting to an immediate problem rather than planning the permanent expansion of some schools".

He was given two weeks notice that his school would have to take an extra class this September.

Meanwhile, in Kings Hill, the work of preparing the free school application has begun as the June 1 deadline looms. As well as a teacher, it also has financial and legal experts on board.

The school, planned for the former University of Greenwich site, is set to be a primary school with a nursery and pre-school.

With its stated 'Christian ethos', concerns have already been raised about faith bias. The group states it will not be a faith school limited to Christians.

However, Mrs Vincent was unable to say whether faith would be a factor in admissions criteria.

"Whether Christian children would be given preference is a difficult question," she said. "I would love to say it will be based completely on where you live. But because we are working with KCC on the admissions policies there is an aspect of over-subscription. We cannot say whether or not the Christian element would have any bearing."

■ Parents in Kings Hill have been invited to have their say about the proposals. For your chance to have a say email thekingsacademykinghill@gmail.com, call 01732 552 513 or go to www.kinghilllife.com.

ROYAL WEDDING

Enjoying a right royal knees-up

By Jenna Pudelek

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BUNTING lined the streets and Union flags were hanging from houses and painted on faces as communities came together for the royal wedding.

Royal Tunbridge Wells held some lavish street parties to celebrate and toast the newly-weds Prince William and Kate Middleton - now the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Silverdale Road hosted what organisers dubbed "the best street party in town," with residents of all ages getting together to commemorate the national spectacle with face painting, music, a cake stall, tombola and raffle.

The town's MP, Greg Clark,



FUND-RAISER: Residents of Silverdale Road enjoy their party

dropped by to judge the best-dressed house competition.

Royal revellers raised £577 for OC Support UK, which supports mothers with obstetric cholestasis.

In Stephen's Road, residents raised £345 for the Kent-based charity Slide Away, which helps bereaved children, with a street party featuring traditional stalls, face painting, a

tombola and cake competition.

A fire engine even came along to join the celebrations and excited youngsters were allowed to have a look inside.

Maura Smith, who hosted the cake stall, said: "We're so grateful to people for baking these cakes on a busy day. Everyone enjoyed eating them immensely and the charity is so grateful for the proceeds."

A tug-of-war between the road and Hopwood Garden party-goers resulted in promises of a re-match at the Jubilee street party next year.

"Usually you only get to meet your close neighbours," committee member Alison Cavanagh said. "But an event like this means you can meet everyone. It's brilliant."

In Shoreham, near Sevenoaks, the celebration lasted two days. Organiser Tina McWilliams said: "It was a fabulous long weekend," she said. "Most people went home to watch the ceremony once we were set up. It was such a beautiful service with all the pomp and pageantry. Everyone was in high spirits and we had a fantastic time."

The residents of Midway Place enjoyed an English tea party before letting their hair down with music and a tug-of-war. The children were kept occupied by an entertainer and Mrs McWilliams said the best bit was watching the youngsters play in the car-free street.

■ For pictures from parties across Kent, turn to pages 10-11.

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SURGERY

Growing call for breast surgery

By Jenna Pudelek

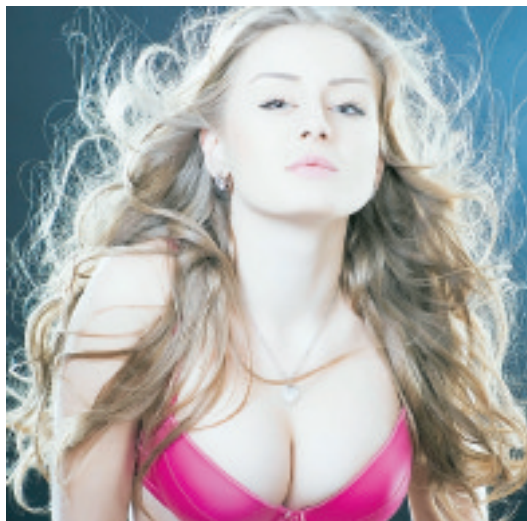
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A PLASTIC surgeon has seen a 15 per cent increase in the number of women wanting a boob job this year.

And it is not just the number of breast enlargements that is on the rise – the size of implants has increased too, with DD the most popular.

John Pereira, a consultant plastic surgeon at the McIndoe Surgical Centre, which is based in Tunbridge Wells and East Grinstead, said: "My breast augmentation practice is up hugely in the run up to summer, and the sizes are also up by about 100cc – in other words a cup size larger on average, compared to last year."

The surgeon, who has featured on the reality show *Extreme Makeover UK*, said that this



BOOST: Surgeon John Pereira has seen an increase in demand for breast augmentations

summer DD cups are in, whereas last year C or D were the most popular.

According to statistics from BAAPS (the British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons), breast enlargement has been the most popular cosmetic procedure for women for more than 10 years.

The increase has been put down to a sort of extreme bikini-dread – whereas in the past women have prepared for the summer months by dieting or changing their hair to something more manageable in the heat, it would seem that more are now turning to cosmetic surgery.

A McIndoe spokeswoman said: "Plastic surgeons have noticed a different trend this year, with an increased interest from patients in cos-

metic surgery procedures. It seems women have been approaching the hospital about one particular procedure to improve their bodies for the swimsuit season."

Mr Pereira said it generally took six weeks to completely recover from breast enlargement surgery, but some women heal even quicker.

However, breast enlargements can lead to complications, and anyone considering it should get impartial medical advice.

Meanwhile, private surgeons say people using their services rather than the NHS continues to rise. See page nine for the full story.

■ **For news and views from across the town, see www.yourtunbridgewells.co.uk – updated daily.**

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Glory close for Angels

AN extra time strike from Ade Olorunda saw Tonbridge Angels edge past Harrow Borough and into the Ryman Premier play-off final on Saturday.

The team, managed by boss Tommy Warilow, will be expecting a bumper crowd when they host Lowestoft Town for a place in non-league's Conference South next season. See our sports pages for more.

➔ PACT for a safer area

EDENBRIDGE residents can raise concerns and find out what the local authorities and the police are doing to make their community safer at the next PACT meeting.

PACT - which stands for Partners and Community Together - aims to identify local community priorities. The meeting takes place on May 12 at 10.30am in the Parish Rooms, Presbytery, St Lawrence's R C Church in the High Street.

➔ Club to bowl you over

CULVERDEN Bowling Club is looking for new members.

The Tunbridge Wells-based club is holding an open day from 10.30am to 4pm on Saturday for people to try out bowls and to show off its refurbished pavilion with cafeteria in St John's recreation ground.

Membership is not as high as it once was and the club, founded in 1903, is hoping new people of all ages will join.

ANTIQUES

Roadshow experts at castle to put a price on heirlooms

THE Antiques Roadshow, famed for finding long-forgotten treasures, is coming to Hever Castle this summer.

The popular Sunday evening show on BBC One will be filming at the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, near Edenbridge, on June 16.

Some of the country's leading antiques and fine arts specialists will offer free advice and valuations to visitors, who have been urged to raid their attics, family heirlooms and car boot bargains for possible treasures.

Presenter Fiona Bruce, who has presented the show for four years, and is returning for the 34th series, said: "Presenting



IN THE FRAME: Fiona Bruce

the Antiques Roadshow is, for me, one of those rare and very lucky coincidences when you get to work on a show that you already love to watch. Exploring the human story behind every object is what makes An-

tiques Roadshow so fascinating. The AR isn't just about antiques – it's history, beauty and drama all wrapped up in one."

The last series saw an Egyptian stone head dug up in a garden that was worth £10,000 and a medieval ring found on a farm valued at £20,000.

Series editor Simon Shaw added: "The team is looking forward to visiting Hever Castle. It's always exciting to see what will come to light. We regularly see between 1,500 and 2,000 visitors on the day. Everyone will get to see an expert."

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CRIME

Double murder bid suspect in court

A 35-YEAR-OLD man has been charged with two counts of attempted murder.

Aaron Smith, of no fixed address, was arrested after two men were injured at a house in Tunbridge Wells on Good Friday. He appeared before Mid Kent magistrates last Friday

and will stay in police custody until a preliminary hearing at Maidstone Crown Court on Monday.

A 42-year-old woman was also arrested last Wednesday in connection with the incident and has been bailed while officers continue investigations.

The two men were found at a house in Kirkdale Road at 1.15am on Good Friday.

A 62-year-old man was rushed to hospital and was left in a serious but stable condition. A 42-year-old man suffered non-serious wounds and was discharged.

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POLITICS

Fascinating probe into how our votes don't tally with top party's key policies

By Jenna Pudelek

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IN the true blue Tory stronghold of Tunbridge Wells, an experiment in 'policy voting' has found greater support for the ideology of the Greens and Ukip.

Farel Bradbury, right, who lives in the town, stood as an unusual candidate in last year's General Election – instead of canvassing support for his own policies he asked people to 'vote' for the 434 policies put forward by the Conservatives, Labour, Liberal Democrats, Greens and Ukip (UK Independence Party).

Now, the results of his so-called 'preferendum', which gained nearly 500 responses, have been published in a book, *Democracy and the Multicultural Society*. The thesis, which also includes results from similar experiments in 1985 and 2005, will be launched at the Trinity Theatre on Sunday, May 8.

The Alternative Vote (AV) referendum has seen the yes and no campaigns argue fiercely for and against a change to our first-past-the-post system, but Mr Bradbury has argued for something else entirely.

Speaking about the results of his Tunbridge Wells preferendum, he said: "On the relative support for their programmes,



taken as a whole, Greens and Ukip are way ahead, tying with a factor of about six over the winning Conservatives.

"Perhaps, more significantly, the Lib Dems – the junior Coalition partner – turn in more relative support than the Tories.

"It is, of course, an inescapable conclusion that the political parties cannot represent us.

"The strange thing is that politicians seem to think that 'fair' election of the parties is critical, while it is quite obvious that it is the support, or disregard, of policies that more accurately measures the 'will of the people'."

Mr Bradbury, a professional mechanical engineer who specialised in human and mechanical system design and analysis, believes there is a fun-

damental mismatch between politics and the people.

"You would expect that with such a massive majority, more than 50 per cent of the vote, which Greg Clark obtained, that high number of Tory voters would approve the Tory policies. You would expect that to be repeated in the approval for the other parties, but it was not.

"The Conservatives clocked in far fewer preferences in relation to the vote."

Interestingly, some of the major policies that have been top priority for politicians in Westminster did not find much support among voters. For example, the Conservatives' flagship Big Society idea was bottom of the pile in its category. Similarly, Lib Dem voters were not excited by electoral reform, the preferendum found.

"Lib Dems put electoral reform 56th on the list," Mr Bradbury said. "The rank and file supporters do not match the same priorities as the leadership."

Protecting forests and preserving parks came out as top preferences in Tunbridge Wells. This sentiment is clearly echoed across the country, as the Government found out when it tried to push forward proposals to privatise public forests.

"The parties are quite clearly out of step with people – no one

party represents the people at all," Mr Bradbury said.

He said a lot of well-meaning policies drawn up by the "people who go to seaside conferences" and sit in offices in Whitehall simply do not appeal to people on the ground.

"You have to take into account there are a lot more Conservatives voting in this than there were in the others," he said of his Tunbridge Wells preferendum.

"Therefore you would have expected them to have far more preferences than they did in relation to their vote. They came bottom when you look at it like

that. The response was most disappointing from their point of view."

Results from the most recent preferendum in Tunbridge Wells, which included 495 responses, as well as those from 15 London boroughs in 2005 and his first experiment in the Welsh constituency of Brecon and Radnor in 1985, have given a mind-boggling array of interpretations and analysis.

Mr Bradbury added: "This separation of policies from the candidates could lead to harmonious social development and more inclusive democratic government."

FARMING

College holds open evening

FARM diversification and innovation opportunities are among topics suggested for a new free programme at Hadlow College.

The college, which provides agricultural and other land-based studies, is holding an open evening called Forging Forward - Faster next Wednesday (May 11).

It is open to anyone involved with the farming industry or interested in a career in farming.

After the evening, Hadlow will set up a programme that will be made available free of charge.

The evening is at the Hadlow College Rural Regeneration Centre, Blackmans Lane, Hadlow. Contact Pat Crawford for details at pat.crawford@hadlow.ac.uk or 07771 635684.

CHARITY

Injured soldier helps heroes with epic journey on mobility scooter

AN INJURED ex-serviceman has finished a remarkable journey in a mobility scooter from John O'Groats to Land's End.

Simon Angel, who lives in Pembury, has raised £10,000 for The Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes through his challenge, dubbed the Rally for Remembrance.

The 46-year-old, who suffers from multiple sclerosis (MS), came up with the idea while being treated for combat stress at a respite home.

He travelled the length of Britain on a mobility scooter loaned by Suffolk-based TGA, with the help of his friend Mick Weaving in a support vehicle provided by Sun Rent in Tunbridge Wells.

Mr Angel, who left John O'Groats on April 1 for the 30-day rally, said: "There are simply too many highlights for me to mention on this journey. However driving over the dramatic Cairngorms, paying my respects at the National Memorial Arboretum, passing through Wootton Bassett and obviously reaching Land's End really made an impact.

"My other support guy, Stephen Bartlett, had to go home on the first day, as his father was taken seriously ill. Mick has been like a rock for me and I couldn't have achieved it without him.



HIGHLIGHT: Simon Angel completes his journey

"The final donations, which hopefully should top £10k, will help fellow injured servicemen and women who are the true heroes in this story."

Mr Angel, who was awarded an MBE in 2000 after his time in Northern Ireland, joined the Royal Engineers in 1984.

He served in Germany, Cyprus, the Falklands, Belize, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq.

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FOOTBALL

Oliver kicks off career with dream TV chance

By Jenna Pudelek

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A SCHOOLBOY has beaten off hundreds of applicants to win a dream work experience placement – as a football TV presenter.

Oliver Marden, 12, from Tunbridge Wells, will hope to kick-start his career in the sport by working alongside Sky Sports anchorman David Jones.

He will travel to Fratton Park, home of Championship side Portsmouth, and then Wembley Sta-

dium to be part of the team after winning a competition organised by npower – sponsors of the Football League.

Oliver was one of just 11 youngsters who emerged triumphant in the What's Your Goal competition.

The contest was launched in February this year to encourage young people to start thinking about their futures by showcasing the vast and varied careers found in football, that don't involve playing.

Oliver will spend the day with Sky Sports presenter David Jones, one of

11 mentors, including former England manager Kevin Keegan and QPR manager Neil Warnock, who will put the winners through their paces. Their winning day will also be filmed for a TV show due to air later this year.

Chosen for his theatrical application video and being a natural in front of the camera, Oliver will travel to Fratton Park and meet the Sky Sports team, learning from David Jones as he does a live broadcast. He will then walk Wembley Way and, using all his presenting wit and charm taught by Mr Jones, interview the npower Kids Cup winners on local radio or TV.

Mr Jones has been the main Sky replacement anchor for its live Premiership coverage since the departures earlier this year of Andy Gray and Richard Keys.

Kevin Keegan said: "What's Your Goal is a one-of-a-kind programme that has given 11 lucky students a foot in the door to try their hand at incredible jobs they've never considered before."

"We've been looking for an ex-



tra special set of skills, ones that students can't always get across in school exams and tests; the strength of character to be a referee; the assertiveness of a coach who needs to keep their team in check when the pressure is on and the quick but caring quality of a team's sports therapist.

"With one in five young people not able to find work in the UK, npower's What's Your Goal is a great way of using young people's love of football to inspire their future goals, helping students to think differently about their careers."

Clare McDougall, npower's head of education and community, said: "Since we launched, young peo-

ple across the UK have been demonstrating that they have what it takes to work with their idols and have been showing some extraordinary determination and talents.

"The 11 deserving winners will really be tested; one teen will travel to Old Trafford for the npower League 2 playoff finals and write a match report, while another will have to snap the all-important action shot from the npower Championship play-off final at Wembley."

"These young people are getting the keys to the door of some of the UK's most exclusive football areas, and they will get to work in them and alongside some of the most important people in football."

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Twelve-year-old Oliver Marden will go to Wembley Stadium to report on the final of the npower Kids Cup

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CYCLING

Get back in saddle with cycle repair course

THOSE wanting to enjoy a little pedal power now the weather has improved can benefit from a bike maintenance course being run in co-operation from Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

The local authority is working with cycling experts from Cycle Ops in Tonbridge to run the course for anyone aged 16 or over.

During the course, cyclists can make sure their bikes are roadworthy and learn how to check their condition, mend a puncture and make basic mechanical adjustments.

No previous knowledge of bike maintenance is needed and demonstration bicycles will be provided.

The courses will be split into two parts. The first is a puncture repair master-class. It will demonstrate how to remove and refit wheels, check tyres and tubes and avoid punctures. It is on



WHEEL FUN: The workshops will help you keep your bike in top condition

Wednesday, May 11, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Cycle Ops in Bank Street.

The second is a bike check workshop, where experts will show how to clean and lubricate bikes, how to check for roadworthiness and damage, and assess the need for repairs.

It will take place on May 25 between

6.30pm and 8.30pm at Cycle Ops.

Beverley Emmerson, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council's sports development officer, said: "Cycling is a great way to get fit and enjoy the countryside, but it's important to make sure our bikes are fit for the job."

"We are pleased to be working with Cycle Ops to offer these courses, which will show people how easy it is to look after their bikes and keep them in tip-top condition. Not only could the course help extend the life expectancy of people's bikes, but it could also save cyclists money by helping them to make their own repairs."

The total cost for the course, which includes both the master-class and the workshop, is £20 per person. Numbers are limited and people should book early by calling 01732 876166 or emailing leisure.services@tmbc.gov.uk.

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EDUCATION

College students hear Paralympian's inspirational story

By Jenna Pudelek

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A PARALYMPIC world champion rower has paid a visit to a further education college to inspire students.

Alastair McKean, 32, spent the day at Hadlow College and explained to the young people how he overcame personal problems to achieve sporting success.

His visit was part of his role as an athlete mentor for Sky Sports Living for Sport, which is an initiative in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust that aims to use the power of sport to encourage 11 to 16-year-olds to strive for the best.

Mr McKean said: "I know first-hand how much of a positive effect sport can have across all areas of an individual's life – on both a personal level as well as a professional one.

"I hope that, by sharing my life story and the influences sport has had on me as a person, I can help these students see how lessons learnt from taking part, such as building the confidence to lead or developing the social skills required to become an effective team player, can help them

fulfil their full potential."

During his visit last Thursday, he worked with 25 students and ran a practical team building session before spending the afternoon helping the young people set personal and professional goals.

Katie Major, school sports coordinator at Hadlow College, said: "Alastair McKean provided our students with a real-life example of how, whatever their ambitions in life, lessons learned through sport can help them realise their dreams and reach their full potential.

"We were delighted to welcome such a high profile and inspiring figure to our school and the students looked forward to the day with immense pride and anticipation."

The initiative was created to encourage students to develop and apply life skills learned through participating in sport, such as confidence, respect, and a sense of achievement, helping them to believe in themselves and their ability to achieve their goals.

It is provided through online planning tools, resources and a supply of free sports clothing. It helps teachers to support young people across



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ALASTAIR MCKEAN, ON SPORT

areas such as attainment and achievement, health and well-being and self-esteem. The initiative has been running for eight years.

Mr McKean is among 23 sports stars chosen as athlete mentors, who all have inspiring personal journeys.

Mr McKean, who comes from Canterbury, won a bronze medal in the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games. He started rowing in 1994, at Herne Bay Amateur Rowing Club.

As a talented junior rower he won various medals before he was involved in a serious road accident in 1999.

A bird flew into his visor while he was riding a motorbike, which knocked him off balance and caused a head-on collision with a lorry.

It left him with a loss of 80 per cent function in his right arm.

■ For more information about the initiative visit <http://livingforsport.skysports>.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

Alastair McKean (fourth left, back row) was a visitor at Hadlow College in his role as an athlete mentor for Sky Sports Living for Sport



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EDUCATION

Carnage at college highlights dangers of careless driving

By Chris Britcher

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STUDENTS of K College in Tonbridge found out exactly what it would be like to be cut from the wreckage of a car when Kent Fire and Rescue Service carried out a demonstration using two students as 'victims'.

Principal Bill Fearon was among those getting involved in the project, designed to highlight the dangers of driving to the students.

He was strapped into a seat belt machine, which gives the passenger an idea of what an impact feels like at between eight and 10mph.

He said: "We have a high proportion of young people who drive now, and who use cars to come to college, and this is essential for their understanding of why they must use a seat belt and other road safety laws.

"The seat belt machine doesn't look like it's going that fast, but the impact is quite significant. I would think anyone with false teeth would have seen them flying out across the pavement – I'm glad I've got my own!"

The demonstration is called Car'n'age and aims to encourage young drivers and passengers to be responsible for their own and others' safety while driving.

Tutors who set up the visit at the Brook Street campus said many students were shocked by what they had seen.

For public services student, Sam Wild, 29, from Longmead in Tonbridge, it brought back memories of when she was involved in a serious car accident when she was seven.

She explained: "My Dad was driving when he hit a patch of black ice

and hit a tree. We had to be cut out of the car, but I didn't remember much about it because I was so young. There was a lot of noise.

"This has really brought it back, and a lot of people in our class say it has really made them realise how important safety is."

Two students volunteered to be in the car cut open by the fire crew.

One of them, Jasmine Card, said: "It was scary. I was in a really compacted space and I definitely wouldn't want to be in that position for real."

Ijaz Ahmedzai, added: "I don't ever want to be in that position again. The fire crews did a great job, but it was frightening."

The Tonbridge fire crews visited K College's North Farm campus in Tunbridge Wells in the afternoon.

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CRASH SHOCK: Students with the cut-up car, and below, Bill Fearon in the hot seat

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JARGON

How Rick Astley has a lot to answer for online

THERE'S no doubt that our vocabulary has changed in a very short space of time – a lot of it thanks to the internet.

Our conversations seem littered with jargon on a daily basis, much of which hadn't been heard of before the computer age: world-wide-web, jpeg, blogs, tweets, WAV, webcasts, spam, URL, and the list goes on.

A recent new one to me is the term 'internet meme'. What on earth does that mean?

Well, apparently an 'internet meme' is a 'bait and switch'; basically it's when a person provides a hyperlink that they claim is relevant to a particular topic, but when the user clicks on the link they are taken to a completely different site.

A great example of this is 'Rick Roll' – when internet users are tricked into thinking they are logging on to one particular site but are taken straight to a video of Rick Astley performing his 1987 hit Never Gonna Give You Up!

The pop star wasn't responsible for the craze, but it has certainly not done his career any harm and this meme has proved so popular it has even been copied by a group of American state politicians, who slipped the lyrics of Astley's number one hit into their speeches on the floor of the House of Representatives.

They did it under the noses of colleagues, lobbyists, staff and the public and then released a YouTube video on April Fool's Day that went viral and has had 780,000 views.

The practical joke was masterminded by Jefferson Smith, a Portland Democrat who managed to persuade his colleagues to speak the lyrics of the pop ballad a word or phrase at a time.

JULIE MADDOCKS
VIEWPOINT...



This idea itself isn't entirely new, I heard my boys discussing a similar scheme that they have often played, particularly at work.

One of my son Matt's part-time jobs, as he funds his way through university, is in a call centre. To brighten their working day their mission was to include certain phrases or words within their conversations with customers.

All very childish, I know, but it makes the day go faster and it's not hurting anyone.

It reminded me of my years on local radio when I was often 'set up'. On one occasion someone decided it would be fun to include an imaginary animal in the list of appeals I was due to read in our lost and found pets spot.

The script read something along these lines:

"The next cat has gone missing in Tonbridge. He's an old, grey scruffy tabby, with one eye, half his left ear missing, a broken tail, and three legs who answers to the name of Lucky!"

Sadly, I hadn't had time to pre-read the announcement and was half way through reading it when I realised I'd been had.

Oh, how we laughed. It's just as well we were good friends at the time, and I'm glad to say, remain so today.

I know – with friends like that...

HEALTHCARE

Trust banks on new hospital to help it boost satisfaction

By Jenna Pudelek

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HEALTH bosses are hoping the opening of the new hospital at Pembury in September will improve patient satisfaction scores.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust was rated among the worst in the country for privacy in A&E, waiting times to be admitted, food and providing single sex wards, according to the latest in-patient survey by the Care Quality Commission.

The health watchdog asked former patients in September and October 2010 to rate the care they received while in hospital in July last year.

Flo Panel-Coates, the trust's director of nursing, said: "Our nursing and medical vacancy rates are now at their lowest level for years

and patients are benefiting from the consistency of care that brings.

"Consistently achieving single sex wards is an ongoing challenge for us, and while we are doing all we can to champion patient privacy and dignity, the new Tunbridge Wells Hospital at Pembury holds many of the answers."

The trust said its own patient survey for July 2010 mirrored the national report, which showed a dip in patient satisfaction. Last summer was one of the busiest on record, the trust said.

Miss Panel-Coates said: "We could see from our own patient satisfaction survey in July last year that consistency was a problem last summer and we acted.

"While many patients still had a good experience overall, parts of their experience could have been improved.

"If we admitted a patient swiftly into hospital, we might then have struggled to discharge them home as quickly as we would have liked.

"Similarly, the written information we provide patients with when they do go home is generally good, but we weren't always consistently as good at explaining other messages to patients during their care."

The trust said it had faced challenges keeping its wards single sex, while ensuring patients were appropriately admitted to the right ward.

"Unless clinically necessary, being moved between wards does nothing positive for patients and that is another area we've worked hard on," Miss Panel-Coates added. "Improvements can still be made, but our patients are telling us we're heading in the right direction."

Since July 2010, the trust said



FUTURE: The new Pembury PFI hospital

DIAGNOSIS

Ovarian cancer help 'will save lives'

WOMEN with ovarian cancer have welcomed new guidance on the disease that aims to improve the speed of diagnosis.

Sara Cunningham, who lives in Tunbridge Wells, was just 39 when she was diagnosed last year, after suffering pains in her stomach.

"I did not think they were severe enough to see a doctor so I left it maybe six weeks," she said. "I then had a lump in my stomach that made me look about 20 weeks pregnant, but actually it was cancer."

Once she went to see the doctor in September things moved quickly and by October she had an operation to remove her left ovary and then in December had a total hysterectomy.

Ms Cunningham, now 40, was about to have her final chemotherapy when we spoke to her last week.

"It's pretty hard," she said. "The chemo is to get anything that might be left."

She said it was important for women to know the symptoms of ovarian cancer, which are pel-

vic or abdominal pain, frequently needing to urinate, difficulty eating and/or feeling full and persistent abdominal distension (or bloating).

Ovarian cancer has been difficult to diagnose and its symptoms are commonly misdiagnosed as irritable bowel syndrome.

The new guidance from the National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence (Nice) states that GPs should offer more blood tests that measure a key protein called CA125 if frequent symptoms are present.

Although the tests are not 100 per cent accurate, 80 per cent of women with advanced ovarian cancer have the protein.

Delayed diagnosis means the UK has one of the worst survival rates in Europe. Each year, 6,800 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer but only about a third are still alive five years on.

Frances Reid, director of public affairs at the charity Target Ovarian Cancer, said the new guidance could save hundreds of lives.

"Women and GPs must be aware of the fre-

quent symptoms, particularly when they happen more than 12 times a month," she said.

Ms Cunningham, who has a three-year-old daughter, said: "I hope this will help GPs and women be more vigilant about the symptoms.

"The important thing now is that the Department of Health puts ovarian cancer in the cancer awareness raising campaign."

Esther Matthews, of Langton Green, was 59 when she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

"Doctors really did not know what to look for," she said. "At first I was tested for IBS, urinary infection and cholesterol and kidney problems.

"It was only because I persisted in going back to the hospital. Eventually I had a CT scan, ultrasound and a CA125 test."

Mother of three Mrs Matthews found out she had stage four ovarian cancer, which is the most severe. After surgery and chemotherapy, she has been given the all-clear.

For more information visit the website of www.targetovariancancer.org.uk.

TREATMENT

Patients going private as pressure on NHS increases

A PRIVATE surgeon has seen a large increase in patients, due to "major restrictions" in the NHS.

Mr Waleed Edrees, who works at the Spire Tunbridge Wells Hospital, predicted the exodus of patients seeking private treatment would continue to increase.

It comes as a survey commissioned by Spire Healthcare found

GPs were experiencing lengthening waiting times and restrictions on the availability of NHS services, including cancer and cardiac care.

Mr Edrees, a vascular surgeon, said: "There have been major restrictions within the NHS for varicose vein surgery, with only severe and complicated cases being treated. Furthermore, advancements in

more modern techniques, such as radiofrequency ablation, are not widely accessible within the NHS.

"This has resulted in a large increase in patients seeking private treatment. I can only see this increasing further as the NHS struggles to cope with the amount of patients needing treatment."

Spire's survey found that in the

South East, weight loss surgery and orthopaedic treatments were the biggest victims of NHS pressures.

Dr Jean-Jacques de Gorter, clinical director of the private hospital group, said: "We think offering choice is important."

Research found that speed of treatment was the main reason patients turned to private treatment.

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ROYAL WEDDING

We go red, white and blue for royal delight

By Chris Britcher

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THE sun shone, the bride shimmered, and the county took to the streets in style to mark the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge - better known as Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Close to 200 street parties took place across Kent - with dozens of other special events taking place in village halls and other venues.

Among those attending the ceremony at Westminster Abbey itself was Allan Willett, the Lord Lieutenant, and the Queen's representative in Kent.

He said this week: "The atmosphere was amazing. Inside, the abbey is quite small and there was an intimate, personal feel to the service which was most moving. Prince William is a lovely man and she is quite beautiful. I was thrilled for both of



HAPPY DAY: The newly titled Duke and Duchess of Cambridge travelled from Westminster Abbey to Buckingham Palace in a horse-drawn carriage

them and wanted to tell everyone how much Kent loves them and is behind them.

"People say no-one can stage events like this as well as the Brit-

ish, and there's no doubt we are very good at it. The whole thing has been a wonderful experience. In Prince William and his bride the future of the monarchy is in very good hands."

WATCHING: While fans saw the wedding on a big screen at Leeds Castle, the Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Allan Willett, attended the event in person



TRIO OF EVENTS:

Street party organisers Paul Aspin, Eleanor Bishop, Julia Suddick and Gaynor Aspin, with the Maypole landlords Kev and Lesley, in Borden, near Sittingbourne; Sitting down together at the Historic Dockyard, Chatham; The streets of Dartford town centre were filled with crowds of well-wishers



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FUN: From top left: Happy smiles in Stephens Road, Tunbridge Wells; The residents gathered in Norman Road, Canterbury, and also in Beaconsfield Road in Maidstone; Eastwell Manor in Ashford threw a party; and Gravesend held one of the biggest gatherings in the country



Picture: PAUL JERREAT



ALL SMILES:

Clockwise from left: Families gathered together at Leeds Castle, near Maidstone; Pauline Field and Dee Scott hosted a cake stall in aid of Marie Curie at a party in Borden, near Sittingbourne; Youngsters dressed the part at Dover College; Tables lined Silverdale Road in Tunbridge Wells



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ENVIRONMENT

1950s semi transformed into energy efficient high tech home

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A HOME built more than 50 years ago has had energy efficiency technology added as part of an initiative to cut emissions and heating bills.

A three-bedroom semi-detached home in Sherwood, Tunbridge Wells, now has triple glazing, external cladding for insulation, a wood burner, an A-rated gas boiler and solar panels to produce hot water and heating, as well as under-floor heating on the ground floor.

A heating management system, which automatically selects the best option at any time, a ventilation system with heat recovery which lets fresh air into the house without losing heat, underfloor insulation on the ground floor and an energy-efficient cooker and fridge freezer were also added to the home.

This was installed by the housing association Town & Country.

Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark, the decentralisation minister and former shadow energy and climate change secretary, visited the Rankine Road house to see first hand how the tenants were set to benefit from the work.

"Most of the houses we will have in the next

50 years have already been built," he said. "That means finding ways to improve the energy efficiency of existing homes is of huge importance."

"What Town & Country have done proves that massive changes in energy efficiency can be made, saving money and reducing emissions. I look forward to Town & Country applying these lessons to the other houses they own in and around Tunbridge Wells."

The house was chosen for the Government's Retrofit for the Future, part of a programme to cut bills and carbon emissions.

Bob Heapy, Town & Country's chief executive, said the lessons learned would be a great benefit to other residents in Sherwood and elsewhere.

"We have around 2,000 similar homes which were built more than 50 years ago and which in time we hope to fit with the most effective of these technologies," he said. "We chose this house because it was a typical example from that period, built with low levels of energy efficiency."

Dawn Stanford lives in the house.

Mr Heapy said: "We are very grateful to Dawn and her family for allowing us to use them as guinea pigs. We are now looking at how we can fund these improvements and then draw up a programme for other homes. The savings would be different for individual homes but in some cases they could be around £200 a year."

"The work was funded by the Government, which meant we did not have to divert money from the improvements we are making to the homes of other residents."



HOUSE PROUD:

MP Greg Clark with Dawn Stanford, son Riley and Town & Country's Bob Heapy

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RESTORATION

Historic furniture will undergo forensic tests to find hidden secrets

By Jenna Pudelek

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A FASCINATING project to discover what happened to important antique furniture over the centuries is set to be launched at Knole.

Experts at the National Trust house in Sevenoaks will carry out forensic examinations on a Queen Anne period sofa and two chairs, which are hundreds of years old, before they are restored.

Freelance textile conservator Kate Gill will be working on the furniture using non-invasive techniques including UV light and magnification for her investigation. She will also be taking samples to analyse the weave, fibre and dyes.

The trust said that historic records showed previous residents at Knole had tried to preserve the collection in ways that would horrify conservators today. For example, the 1864 inventory of the house refers to "a blue and white embroidered satin counterpane with fringe border", which was "cut up to cover chairs [and] stools".

But no one really knows how the three pieces of furniture were made and have been treated, preserved, re-upholstered, patched, damaged or mended in hundreds of years.

Visitors will be able to see Ms Gill at work in the Reynolds Room from June 1-3 and 8-10.

Knole's furniture is of international significance with many pieces from the royal palaces including the lost palace of Whitehall, which was destroyed by fire in 1698.



The trust said the collection needed urgent conservation with the colours faded and delicate silks shredded.

A spokeswoman said: "Before a major conservation project on the furniture gets underway, we need to know more about how the furniture was made, what materials were used in the construction and, most interestingly, what has happened to them over the centuries. While the three pieces chosen cannot tell us everything about Knole's collection, knowing what lies beneath will be of enormous importance in planning its conservation."

The forensic examination of the furniture is part of a wider conservation project at Knole. Already a strikingly realistic 3D photographic wallpaper has replaced the contents of the Reynolds Room. The room is one of 13 unheated, dark, draughty and leaky showrooms, which are being restored to protect their valuable content.

All the paintings, including works by the influential 18th century artists Joshua Reynolds and Thomas Gainsborough, and

furniture has been removed.

Over the winter, the windows were sealed with new lead, the floor and ceiling insulated, and the wall rewired and primed with environmental monitors.

The vinyl photographic wallpaper was then fastened into place. A room-sized electric heating mat has been placed on the floor and a further three standing heaters brought in, which will gently heat the space when humidity levels rise above a certain level.

More than 90,000 visitors will pass through the room this summer breathing out moisture and shedding dust.

The trust said this was an essential part of the project. The room will be monitored to find the most stable conservation conditions. Once these have been discovered the panoramic will be removed, the wall insulated and proper lighting installed. Then everything will be put back and the Reynolds Room will return to its former glory, but better lit, with a controlled environment and serving as a model for work on the rest of Knole's state apartments.

CHARITY

Give your CDs to good cause

THE British Heart Foundation has appealed for donations of entertainment goods.

With 16 shops in Kent including in Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge, the charity said any unwanted items given to stores help in the fight against heart disease.

BHF hopes to generate 28,560 good quality books, CDs and DVDs throughout the month. People have been urged to delve into their collections, have a clear out, and donate any unwanted items to their local BHF shop.

The first 545 customers into each of the county's shops to donate to the appeal will receive a free copy of the Angina Monologues. The DVD features exclusive, unseen footage from the BHF charity comedy show that starred Jo Brand, Victoria Wood, Katy Brand, Julia Davis and Isy Suttie.

The charity is looking for any entertainment stock including books, CDs and DVDs.

Last year, their shops raised more than £22 million to fight heart disease. There are more than 650 stores nationally that sell 80,000 items a day.



DELVING DEEP: A sofa and chair from the Knole collection which will be subjected to a series of forensic tests before being restored

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OPINION

Room to heal the whole person

Dr Gareth Tuckwell, chief executive of Burrswood Hospital, explains the thinking behind the spiritual and medical care offered to patients

HEALTHCARE today is so often seen in terms of specialties, sub-specialties and procedures, rather than being centred round individuals and the totality of their need: a need that often springs from isolation.

In the UK, almost seven million people live alone, nearly a third of whom have a chronic or progressive disease.

Medical care is changing, because of superb diagnostic tools as well as the pressures of an ageing population. In the UK we have the additional pressures faced by the NHS. Doctors struggle to think outside the box.

Evidence-based medicine and technology, whilst commendable, mean doctors rarely see the need to question cogently, listen carefully or observe keenly. The clinical diagnosis is discovered on the screen or in the test results, but is that enough?

So often we find the patient's story has not been heard prior

to their admission. With a speedy consultation the sensitivity to language and emotion is lost and the real cause of malaise and dysfunction is often missed. We can fail to see the person in the patient.

As far as spiritual care goes, with NHS trusts and primary care trusts (PCTs) driven to balance the books and only spend on 'best value', there is growing evidence that employing chaplains is a low priority.

Yet, whatever our faith or lack of it, within us all is a search for meaning. Each one of us has spiritual needs which tend to surface in times of illness. We need opportunities to make sense of whatever comes our way.

Burrswood is much more than just a hospital and the breadth of what goes on astonishes visitors. It is a place apart, a place of healing, spacious, much prayed in and with a pervading sense of peace.

Bishop Morris Maddocks used to say that in our rushed, instant, microwaved world, space is often needed to heal; space with God, in the beauty of His creation and space filled with the presence of prayer.

But Burrswood is also a place of professional and clinical expertise. We have 40 beds for inpatients, most of whom come for short-term medical and post-operative care.

From the outpatients department to the hydrotherapy pool; from the work with those with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, post-traumatic stress and burn-out to the rehabilitation of those wanting to keep mobile and at work, despite their progressing disease, to 24/7 palliative care where not only nurses but also resident doctors and chaplains can be with you and your family at whatever time the need is there.

Burrswood must be there for the increasing number of people



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Space is often needed to heal; space with God in the beauty of His creation

who fall through the gaps in healthcare provision. The demand for beds is strong, but we long for everyone to realise we are delivering cutting edge care and are regarded as a centre of excellence.

The chair of a nearby PCT says we undersell ourselves, and they have no concerns about our 'Christian' label; they go for our values, our added value and ability to offer complex care.

On reflection, all that Burrswood Hospital and Place of Healing has to offer has never been more needed.

■ The hospital in Groombridge was founded by Dorothy Kerin in 1948, funded by donations.

Kerin, who died in 1963, pioneered what is now known as 'whole person care'. She believed in bringing together medicine and Christian healing. Burrswood became a fully-registered hospital in 2000. It is run by a charity.

KOS COMMENT

Voting probe reveals true political leanings

FAREL Bradbury's preferendum has shed some fascinating light on voting habits in Tunbridge Wells.

The experiment in 'policy voting' found that Conservative support is not as strong as results at the polls would suggest.

It raises interesting questions about whether people vote for the idea of a party and the candidate rather than their individual policies.

A useful tool for all parties.

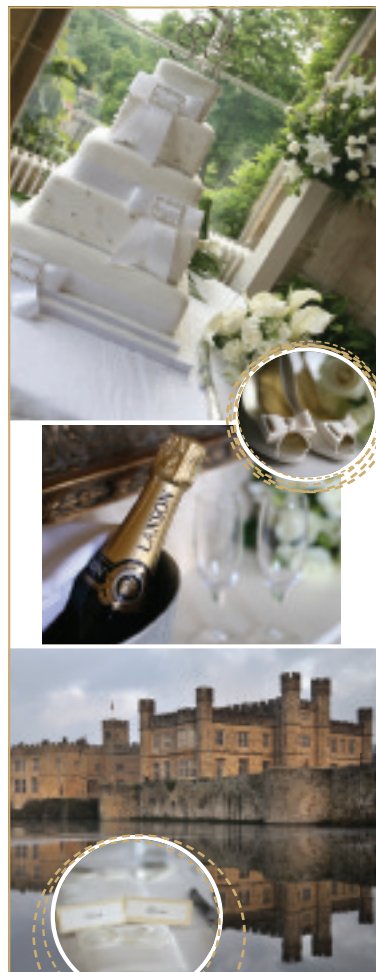
Is breast size now a fashion statement?

PLASTIC surgeons have revealed the latest summer must-have - size double-D breasts.

It would seem that the world of cosmetic surgery follows trends in the same way as say skirt lengths or heel heights.

Women had chosen cup-size C, but that's 'out' and for summer 2011 it is all about a fuller, curvier look.

Whether this trend should be admired or concerning is one for debate.



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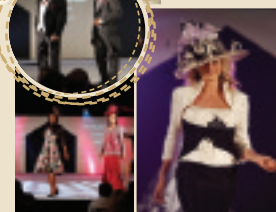
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Bowl Water near Lamberhurst
By Paul Jerreat

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Wedding a big snub for EU

WHAT an amazingly heart-warming demonstration of public love and affection for the happy couple who were married in Westminster Abbey.

Yet there was not one EU flag being waved anywhere by the millions who thronged the streets in London and at their street parties up and down the country.

How those reptiles Cameron, Hague and Clark must have inwardly squirmed and hated this public demonstration of loyalty to the British crown and the Union Flag.

After all, it is their policy that we are not British any more, but Europeans. And why were those traitors and their cronies invited to the royal wedding at all?

As MPs they have all made an oath of allegiance to the Crown. Yet their prime loyalty is not to the British people as represented by the Crown, but to un-elected foreigners in Brussels.

In addition, the Tories,

Labour and Lib Dem parties have all determined, in accordance with EU policy, that HM The Queen is "just another citizen of the EU".

During the celebrations the British public demonstrated very clearly and forcibly that their policy of EU membership does not hold water with the British people.

Even the pro-republican, pro-EU, anti-monarchist and anti-British BBC admitted that 80 per cent of the general public were in favour of the monarchy.

So, when are our politicians going to accept the inevitable and get us out of the EU?

When are the voters in this country going to wake up to the fact that they have been betrayed so badly for so long?

J Wraith, by email

Wedding ties us together

I MUST admit to not initially buying into the whole royal wedding thing.

I could not see any benefit to us commoners of celebrating with great gusto the marriage of two people who live lives so

remote from ours, and in such luxury, during such austere times. But I was wrong.

The scenes of jubilation on the streets of London and the buzz among people united by this national event was really rather heartening.

For one day we all focused on one thing – and a happy thing at that. And I think it did us all good.

What is more, I now only wish my street had joined in the spirit of goodwill and staged its own street party.

But I suspect the feeling may well be mirrored by plenty of other folk, whose pessimism was replaced with good cheer.

Mrs Smith, Southborough

Communities' streets ahead

I WOULD just like to pass on congratulations to all of those who held royal wedding street parties last Friday, to mark the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton – or the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge as they now are.

Too often we speak of a lack of community spirit in this day and age, and moan of how we

have nothing to do with our neighbours.

I strongly suspect those who made the effort, who rallied those in their street to take part, will this week be enjoying the benefits of having made plenty of new friends and making their communities far more pleasurable, and indeed safer, places to be.

H Hunter, Tonbridge

Sour grapes at 'royal' tag?

WHILE Tunbridge Wells Borough Council are considering introducing a shared space scheme in the town centre, would a good example of sharing the space, with cars and pedestrians, not have been organising some sort of street party for the royal wedding?

The centre of our royal town could then have become the epicentre of the county's celebrations, and a fine example of why we are blessed to have the 'royal' title in the town's name.

Or were the council still smarting after the new hospital at Pembury was denied

the right to use the 'royal' tag in its name?

Kay Jones, Tunbridge Wells

Striving to get message over

I'D LIKE to thank the pupils and teachers at Hadlow College for making me feel so welcome during my visit on Thursday, April 28.

It was a real delight to see the children get so involved in Sky Sports Living for Sport, delivered in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust, and hear from the kids themselves just how much of a positive impact the initiative has had on their lives.

In my role as athlete mentor for Sky Sports Living for Sport I am privileged to meet with young people, like the pupils I met Hadlow College, and share in their journey towards achieving their dreams and ambitions.

I would like to take this chance to congratulate the students for their hard work, and urge them to keep focussed on achieving their goals.

Physical education does so much more for kids above and beyond improving fitness levels, and the pupils Hadlow College showed me just how true this is.

Our session encouraged them to see how they can apply life skills they learn in sport such as focus, confidence and respect for rules to other areas of their lives.

With the right attitude they can achieve anything they set their mind to – I came away feeling really inspired.

Sport made a huge impression on me when I was growing up, and taking my story to schools to explain how the skills you learn through sport can be transferred to other aspects of your life is a huge buzz.

It isn't just about talent. Hard work, self-belief, determination and passion are all needed to achieve goals, sporting or otherwise.

Initiatives like Sky Sports Living for Sport are about teaching children to strive to be the best that they can be.

Alastair McKean, Paralympic bronze medal winning rower

Join the fight against cancer

I AM writing to let your readers know that during Cancer Prevention Week (May 9-15) we are promoting the fact there is now strong evidence people can make lifestyle changes to reduce their risk.

Scientists now estimate that about a third of the most common cancers could be prevented through eating a healthy, plant-based diet, being regularly physically active and maintaining a healthy weight.

But many people still see cancer as simply a question of fate. This is why we want to use Cancer Prevention Week to raise awareness of risk factors so people are then in a position to make their own informed choices.

As well as promoting this potentially life-saving message, there are also fundraising events going on across the country during the week, particularly for our Fruity Friday event on May 13.

People in the area can find out more about how they can take part by visiting our website at www.wcrf-uk.org

Kate Mendoza, World Cancer Research Fund

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Linking into the base rate works both ways

Q My husband and I have a joint credit card account with Halifax, which says it will now link interest charges to the Bank of England base rate. Does this mean what it suggests? Will our interest go down if there is a cut in the official rate, or up if there is an increase? Or is it a one-way street, with rises but no reductions? Will this apply to other card companies as well?

A The good news is that this is not a one-way street. If the Bank of England cuts its interest rate then so will Halifax. The bad news is that with interest rates as low as they are, a cut is virtually impossible and a rise is virtually inevitable. And there are more changes on the way. From August, each cardholder will be allocated a personal interest rate. There will no longer be different rates for purchases and cash withdrawals. If you and your husband use your card only for shopping, you could see interest charges reduced, Halifax says. But if you draw cash as well, your interest will be higher. The Bank of England rate will be added to your personal interest rate, starting in November, and this will change whenever the Bank's base rate changes. Your personal rate could also change if there is any alteration in your use of the card, such as missing repayments or making heavier use of cash withdrawals. However, not all Halifax cardholders will be affected right away. If you took out your card within the past six months or if you have the Clarity card, the way your interest charges are calculated will not be changed until next year. No other card issuer is following the same path yet, but if Halifax shows it can increase its profits by squeezing a bit more out of its customers, others are likely to follow suit.

Q We claim working tax credit and child tax credit, and the amount we get has gone down, even though our income in April was the same as we had for March.

A The chancellor, George Osborne, announced new rules in his first budget last June, and those rules came into effect last month. For example, the amount of help you can get with childcare costs dropped from 80pc to 70pc. And the extra credit that was paid for babies under one year old has been scrapped completely. Another big change is that over the past year, if your total income was under £50,000, your basic child tax credit payments would not be reduced. Now the limit has dropped to £40,000. Without knowing all the details of your income and family circumstances, I cannot be sure why your credit income has fallen, but these are the biggest changes that are likely to hit you. If you think the answer lies elsewhere, the official Tax Credit Helpline (0845 300 3900)

TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC



should be able to explain.

Q I read your recent advice, saying that it was no longer legal to make people retire just because they have reached 65. Can you answer two questions, please, and say whether I can draw my state pension but still carry on working – and, if so, will I be liable for national insurance contributions?

A There is nothing to stop you drawing your state pension and still working. Remember, though, that the state pension is taxable, so when it is added to your earnings, a chunk will almost certainly go to the tax man. One alternative, of course, is to postpone taking your pension. Do this and you will get a nice increase in the amount paid when you really do retire. As for national insurance, your employer will still have to pay contributions, but once you reach 65 you are exempt, even if you still work.

Q I am applying for a life policy and have been asked whether or not I smoke. Do I have to answer?

A If you refuse to answer, you will be turned down by the life company – it is as simple as that! Bluntly, smokers are more likely to die than non-smokers of the same age, so the life company is more likely to have to pay out. Companies do not like to say that they charge smokers extra but, typically, they will offer discounts to non-smokers.

Q The Post Office is paying 3.95pc interest on its cash Isa. This seems quite good. What do you think?

A The headline figure from the Post Office (0800 169 7500) looks good, but this is a three-year deal with a fixed rate of interest. Do you really want to tie up your money for this long, when interest rates generally are certain to rise, leaving you behind? True, you can make withdrawals, but penalties apply. Instead, consider the one-year Isa at 3.01pc, or compromise on the two-year account with interest at 3.45pc.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.



CLAIM WHAT'S YOURS: Families who receive tax credits should renew their claims as soon as possible to stop the payments drying up.

Renew your claim or lose your credits

PEOPLE who receive tax credits are being urged to renew their claims or face seeing their payments dry up.

Renewal packs are being sent to claimants and HM Revenue & Customs said it was important for them to check them as soon as possible.

"We ask people to renew their tax credits as soon as they receive their packs," said HMRC director of

benefits and credits Steve Lamey.

"They need to make sure their details are correct. The sooner they renew, the sooner we can make sure they are getting the right money. It's simple – if they don't renew their claims before July 31, payments may stop."

People who receive tax credits are also being warned that HMRC car-

ries out checks on the information it is given.

Claimants need to let HMRC know of any changes in their circumstances – including working hours, childcare costs or pay – that haven't already been reported during the past year.

There are more than 160,000 tax credit claimants in Kent.

It's the little things that buyers notice

DON'T bother washing the car – but whatever you do, make sure the house is de-cluttered.

Many homeowners continue to have misconceptions about what to do to help sell their property, often missing the obvious and instead wasting their time on the unnecessary, according to a new report.

They may be better off listening to the advice of property valuation experts when deciding how to spend their time and money in preparation for opening their doors to potential buyers.

Instead of brewing fresh coffee and baking bread, those valuation experts said that the best single step to increase a property's chance of selling quickly, and for a healthy price, was to de-clutter.

More than half – 55pc – of property valuers said this was the number one on their list of possible jobs to improve house selling chances.

Relevant de-cluttering tasks were tidying the garden, repairing paint

By Ed Foss

MyMoney 24 writer

chips or wallpapering, they said in a survey by leading mortgage provider HSBC.

The research, which questioned householders and property valuation experts, also revealed the smaller jobs around the house which can help homeowners to sell their property.

While more than two thirds of homeowners thought cleaning the windows would be worthwhile, only a third of property experts agreed.

The experts, however, gave a high rating to the relatively minor idea of repainting or varnishing a front door, while homeowners did not generally think it was worthwhile.

Householders should also worry less about putting rubbish bins out of sight or washing the car, and concentrate instead on repairing old fences and gates.

Stuart Beattie, head of mortgages

at HSBC, said: "Our survey shows that many homeowners have spent the recent bank holidays making home improvements.

"While work such as replacing windows or redecorating will make your home more attractive to prospective buyers, it is often the small, last-minute jobs like painting the front door that can make all the difference.

"First impressions really do count."

Other tips for successful sales include:

■ Look at your neighbours' houses. If they look tidier than yours, that first impression has failed.

■ Don't over-improve – the buyer will probably want to put their mark on the house and new carpets for the sake of it don't always work.

■ Replace old-fashioned switches and electrical sockets – not necessarily particularly expensive, but old looking electrical switches and sockets can make an instant negative impression.

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Unmarried homeowners will keep an eye on ruling

By Adam Aitken

MyMoney 24 editor

THE WAY property is divided up between unmarried couples after they split up could be set for a shake up and significant clarification as a result of a Supreme Court hearing.

That may not be the end result of the Kernott v Jones case, which was opened in the Supreme Court on Wednesday, but family lawyers around the country, their clients and people choosing between marriage and simply living together will be keeping a close eye on the result and its ramifications.

It is a matter which impacts on thousands of people around the country and causes deep rifts between families. The case has prompted a rallying call from experts who say the law relating to property interests of cohabiting couples is currently an "unsatisfactory muddle".

Kernott v Jones was previously heard by the Court of Appeal in 2010. It concerned property jointly owned by two parties, Leonard Kernott and Patricia Jones.

Upon separation Miss Jones continued to live in the property and paid the mortgage and all outgoings. Twelve years later Mr Kernott sought his half share of the equity in the property.

The Court of Appeal ruled the couple had intended to share the property equally despite Mr Kernott moving out, Miss Jones paying all the outgoings on the property for 12 years, and Mr Kernott having nothing to do with his share in the property for that period.

Miss Jones has now appealed to the Supreme Court.

Meredith Thompson, a family law specialist at law firm Mills & Reeve, said: "The law relating to the property interests of cohabiting couples is

currently an unsatisfactory muddle.

"It relies on an unholy mix of express and implied trusts, and in some circumstances enables a court to retrospectively infer what the parties intended as to the ownership even if they intended nothing of the sort.

"If the Supreme Court upholds The Court of Appeal's decision that joint ownership means a 50/50 split, this will put a stop to the recent tendency of the courts to infer intentions of the property owners as to how they share the equity in property.

"This will amount to a strict interpretation of property law and an end to judges attempting to introduce some element of fairness into what can be a very harsh reality for some people.

"Alternatively the Supreme Court may support the original trial judge's decision that the equity ought to be split 90pc in favour of Miss Jones who had paid the mortgage and all

outgoings for the 12 years following separation.

"The original trial judge had inferred to the parties an intention that the beneficial interest in the property would be split that way.

"This follows the recent judicial trend to use the idea of 'inferred intention' to get around legally correct but morally unfair results."

Clarification of the law was long overdue, added Miss Thompson.

Nigel Shepherd, a partner in the family team at Mills & Reeve, said: "It is very difficult for lawyers to advise clients with the current state of affairs, when the whole basis of the law and its interpretation may be up for grabs. The case, therefore, begs the question of whether lawyers should be holding back on advice in similar situations pending the decision of the Supreme Court, or if they might be considered negligent if they do proceed."



LUXURY PADS:

The number of homes selling for more than £1m increased at the fastest rate for four years in 2010

Big rise in sale of million-pound properties

THE NUMBER of £1m property sales increased at the fastest rate for four years during 2010.

According to a report by Lloyds TSB, which used data from the Land Registry and Registers of Scotland, there were 7,185 residential property deals worth at least £1 million in Britain last year – up 54pc on the 2009 figure.

However, the research showed that the bulk of these transactions

happened in a few areas of London, with the market in other parts of the country remaining subdued.

And despite the large annual increase in the number of £1m transactions, the 2010 level is still 13pc below the level it reached before the financial crisis in 2007.

There was also a substantial rise in the number of multi-million-pound transactions.

A total of 1,420 properties worth

at least £2m changed hands during 2010, up by 62pc on a year earlier.

And there was a 79pc increase in the number of £5m-plus deals.

"The number of properties sold for over £1m has risen substantially over the past year, reflecting the strength of the very top end of the housing market," said Lloyds TSB housing economist Suren Thiru.

"A small number of areas in London still account for the lion's

share of all £1m sales, with housing market activity in such locations continuing to benefit from strong demand from wealthy international buyers and limited supply.

"In contrast, the level of activity across the wider housing market remains subdued."

The bank estimated that nearly 185,000 homes in the country Britain were now worth £1m or more.

PICK OF THE WEEK

In association with the experts at **Moneyfacts.co.uk**, we highlight some of the best new products launched this week.

Savings: Santander

Santander has increased its fixed bond rates by up to 0.35pc. The new one-year fixed-rate bond pays 3.35pc. Savers can invest between £1 and £2m. Further additions and early access are not permitted. The account is available to investors aged 16 and over and can be operated in branch, by telephone and online. A monthly interest option is also available at a slightly lower, but decent, rate of 3.3pc.

Why is it good? The latest review of fixed-rate bonds from Santander sees this product sitting within the top 10 rates. This account is ideal for savers looking for a short-term bond, although they must remember no early withdrawals or further additions are allowed during the term.

Mortgages: Halifax

Halifax has reviewed its two-year remortgage product available via intermediaries, with rates reduced by up to 0.1pc. The new deal is reasonably competitive with a rate of 3.85pc to June 2013 and allows customers to borrow up to 60pc of a property's value. A fee of £245 is payable and incentives of a free valuation and free legal fees are offered.

Why is it good? This new product offers a rate of 3.85pc, a low fee and a generous incentive package. Customers should also be pleased with a host of flexible features including the option to make overpayments of up to 10pc of the outstanding balance, make underpayments and take payment holidays.

Personal loans: Sainsbury's Finance

Sainsbury's Finance has reduced the rate on its Standard Nectar Cardholder Loan for Nectar cardholders by 0.2pc to 6.7pc. This rate applies to loans between £7,500 and £14,999 over a term of one to three years. These rates are representative and are subject to individual credit rating.

Why is it good? This loan, which runs alongside the current rewards version, offers a lower rate for customers who do not take up the incentives of double Nectar points or Sainsbury's vouchers.

Investments: Scottish Widows

Scottish Widows has launched the Capital Protected Fund 19. This structured product requires a minimum investment of £3,000 over a six-year term. On maturity, the bond pays 100pc of the growth in the FTSE 100 up to a maximum of 82pc, and the original investment is returned. The product is also available within an Isa wrapper. Potential returns are subject to capital gains tax. The offer closes on September 2 and the start date is November 16.

Why is it good? This product may suit customers with confidence in the future performance of the FTSE 100. (However, remember that with no guaranteed minimum return, there is a possibility of redeeming only the capital at maturity.)

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UNIQUE attractive black female, 37, slim, enjoys music, reading, theatre nature, WILTM genuine gent, 37-49 to share laughter and life, caring. N/S who lives near London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333815

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SALLY petite, confident lady, happy go lucky, likes dancing, walks, TV, seeks malousol male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362665

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384852

SUZANNE 35, beautiful blonde, seeks male for chats and a relaxing glass of wine anytime. ACA, status unimportant. City area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342527

65YR old slim brunette, caring, loving, many interests, social, wants art, male, cooking, seeks attractive, compatible male. Dog owner in Maidstone perfect. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383676

FEMALE 27, seeks older gent, 65 plus to take care of me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362207

PATRICIA outgoing, confident, feminine, warm, friendly, smart, good company, attractive, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362207

HONEST caring, genuine female, 44, GSOH, likes meals out, nights in, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381844

CLARE 5ft 10ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, likes most things, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 318103

ATTRACTIVE caring, interesting black lady, seeks educated, genuine, white male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360633

CUDDLY curvy size 14 plus female seeks for comfort, 59-65 for daytime adult fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358729

BEDFORDSHIRE female, 39, HIV positive, likes cinema, music, travel, nights in, wine bars, seeks decent, white, professional male, under 45. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358579

LONELY female, petite, attractive, size 8-10, blue eyes, long hair, likes historic places, holidays, meals out, seeks honest, genuine male for friendship initially. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356359

POLITE bubbly female, GSOH, seeks gent for caring friendship, likes nights in and socialising. Dartford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382666

SEALED with a kiss. 37yr old single mum, blonde hair, blue eyes, curvy, likes sunshine, travel, looking for Knight in shining armour, to make me laugh and spoil me. Folkestone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355543

LADY 44, GSOH, short, curvy, dark hair, seeks good guy for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355391

CAROLE petite, slim, long blonde hair, green eyes, attractive, likes sports, nights out, pubs, meals out, cinema, theatre, music, seeks genuine, honest male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337515

DEBBIE mid 50's, attractive, likes dancing, music, cinema, theatre, seeks male for companionship. Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351410

ATTRACTIVE black lady, 5ft 6ins, black hair, slim, kissable lips, likes walks, horse riding, go karts, seeks professional white male, 35-45, athletic, 5ft 11ins-6ft. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353897

BLACK female, likes meals out, theatre, seeks solvent white male, 30-47 for genuine relationship. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382910

FIT lady, 65, thinks she's 40, N/S, loves life, seeks genuine gent, 60-70 N/S for happy loving, exciting times. Gravesend. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353111

SINGLE mum, 39, likes most things, seeks male with GSOH for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349999

OLD fashioned girl, 49, fun, friendly, seeks mature male for fun, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382192

GENUINE loving female, 40, seeks loving male, 40-50 for friendship and LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 345487

LADY seeks N/S, clean shaven male to appreciate artistic, romantic, feisty, and creative, slim, curvy lady, 49, who has not yet joined the wrinkles. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349757

ATTRACTIVE slim single mum, 44, seeks similar tall male, 40-50, caring, loving and loyal, are you? Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334393

SARAH 37, caring, kind, seeks fun, caring guy, 37-49. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 346319

NATALIA attractive, brunette, brown eyes, 40's, N/S, slim, fit, friendly, seeks sincere, N/S, solvent male for love and relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344393

PROFESSIONAL attractive, friendly, lovely British female, mid 40's, size 10-12, likes socialising, seeks sincere male of any nationality for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341125

28YR old brunette, seeks fun loving, adventurous male for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360918

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FEMININE lady who knows how to treat her man seeks strong minded male to care for, any area London/Surrey/Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356985

52YR old female, likes walks, animals, theatre, cinema, seeks male for companionship/LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357291

LATE 20's female seeking older male. Call to hear exactly what I'm like and looking for. I can meet anywhere in London at any time. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356995

TALL slim brunette, just 21yrs seeks interesting older male who knows what's what, show me the ways of the world. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356969

ACADEMIC man sought by female, recent graduate, into art, history, psychology, likes useful activities as well as London art galleries and walks. Birmley. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365501

LADY 56, semi disabled, size 18, seeking a caring, loving, honest gent, 50 plus. Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365453

SUSIE 5ft 7ins, blonde, seeks educated attractive male for loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385476

34YR old blonde new to the area, seeking a caring, loving, honest gent, 50 plus. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365079

FUN loving curvy red head 32yrs, loves good food/wine, WILTM male who appreciates a real woman and knows how to love her. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365077

30YR old brunette fit, feminine, attractive, free, single and looking for love with similar fun loving guy. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365075

65YR old bored housewife looking for mutual companionship with discreet understanding man stuck in a similar rut. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364331

LORNA 66, nurse, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364237

FEMALE 64, brown/grey hair, medium build, honest, caring, loving, seeks similar in male, 30-60 for friendship/relationship. Medway. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364253

LOOKING for my soul mate, 57, lonely, caring, affectionate, likes a drink in good company, 5ft 1ins, hazel eyes, seeks someone to share life with. Is that you? Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385172

BARBARA 48, seeks nice, stocky male, go to 50 for friendship, maybe more. Heathrow. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361701

BEAUTIFUL slim, female, 22, seeks older, distinguished gent, 65 plus for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364037

MALE Guardian reader? Airt, vivacious female, 61, happy in own skin, seeks N/S sociable, warm, loving man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360655

GLASS half tall N/S mid 50's woman, seeks other half. Are you a professional man, 50-60 who likes the finer things in life? Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363969

BEAUTIFUL slim female, 20, seeks older, solvent gent 75 plus for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363965

LORRAINE seeks trustworthy white male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363793

DONNA 35, single mum of 3, seeks male with GSOH, 35-40. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385064

ATTRACTIVE confident, lady, 37, independent, HIV Positive, seeks male for companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363415

48YR old female, average build, good looking, likes most things, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363321

FUN outgoing lady, seeks spontaneous male, 37-60, adventurous, professional, attractive. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363331

JANE 27, caring, bubbly, likes nights out, cinema, bowling, DVDs, seeks male for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363203

SINGLE 50 plus female, seeks male who likes talks, walks, dining and dancing. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364975

PRETTY woman, slim, black, widow, 39, energetic, seeks white, solvent male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360695

GORGEOUS lonely lass, 45, looking for some romantic liaisons with younger male, looks important, no chancers. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364415

SOUTH London Lady, full figure with long hair, curves in all the right places. WILTM male of any age for fun, friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365989

PETITE female, slim, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, GSOH, romantic, likes sports, nights out, meals, seeks honest, genuine, N/S male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334613

FUN loving student, 21yrs, seeks male of any age for fun in London, can travel. I love a risk and having fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356981

FOREIGN beauty, long hair, 20's yrs, seeks older male who can spoil her, likes to travel. London area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356967

BUBBLY outgoing nurse, (I love my uniform), fancy meeting up London for some fun loving fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356983

ATTRACTIVE lady, curvy and fun, looking for an uncomplicated fun only relationship, after work etc, any area London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356991

COULD you capture my heart? Lyn 49, slim, romantic, likes simple things, conversation, walks, flowers, seeks romantic guy to share my journey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358264

PROFESSIONAL black lady, 44, 5ft 3ins, medium build, seeks genuine, caring, professional guy, 40-54, on pace for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359586

CARING genuine single mum seeks male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358719

5FT 2ins female, dark hair, medium build, late 40's, GSOH, likes cinema, walks, family life, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350381

FEMALE 29, HIV, likes cinema, music, countryside, cosy nights in, seeks good guy. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357327

HAPPY fun loving, attractive, intelligent, educated, slim, curvy female, late 40's, WILTM caring, sincere man interested in theatre, reading, arts, nature and walks for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356613

CRYSTAL 5ft 6ins, long dark hair, hazel eyes, olive skin, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383374

LATE 40's female, likes most things, animals, walks, cinema, seeks male 45-59 for good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348941

FEMALE black, Caribbean, honest, easygoing, single mum, seeks male, 35-40 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360722

56YR old female, 5ft 6ins, GSOH, N/S, likes socialising, cards, dancing, racket ball, seeks male, 50-65, Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353773

DENISE young 50, likes cuddles, nights in/out, seeks male, 37-47 for LTR. Erith. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382864

CLARE 31, likes swimming, gym, socialising, meals out, sightseeing, seeks male. Ramsgate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356114

YOUNG at heart 50's tall, slim, blue eyed blonde, honest, caring, seeks tall, strong, confident, young at heart male, 50-60. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350337

VICKY attractive, kind, down to earth, black British, likes travel, writing, reading, cooking, socialising, seeks generous, good man who is family orientated. Essex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353033

41YR old lady, young at heart, blue eyes, long dark hair, seeks fun loving guy with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 346537

ATTRACTIVE black male, 31, medium build, well spoken, seeks female, 18-35, slim-medium build for no strings. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365421

27YR old male, seeks female for fun and friendship, 24-40. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385456

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MICHAEL attractive fit, 70, widowed, GSOH, seeking company. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365189

AGE is just a number. Tall active 70's male, seeks curvy lady for occasional days/night time fun. NW London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365159

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HANDSOME black male, seeks lovely lady for ongoing friendship and relationship. Surrey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385496

MALE 45, GSOH, seeks N/S lady for fun. Woking. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364863

GYM buddy, Late 40's male, chubby, fit, looking for someone non scene, 35-50 with GSOH to do the gym, Chertsey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364871

SOLVENT gay male, 61, likes travel, history, seeks gent, 48-62. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364843



ATTRACTIVE vibrant mid 60's female, independent, likes music, travel, socialising, seeks cultured, energetic, cultured male, Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384766

GOOD looking straight male, 52, likes CD, seeks understanding lady, any age for fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384436

MARY 62, 5ft 3ins, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes nights in/out, seeks honest male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359467

CAROLE slim, petite, blonde, green eyes, attractive, 46, likes sports, music, theatre, cinema, seeks genuine, honest, considerate, N/S male, 30-50. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356114

FUN loving country girl, 48, seeks male for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384488

FEMALE seeks N/S, clean, tidy white male, 42-50 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361049

DAVE 45, security officer, seeks nice pleasant lady, 35-45 for TLC, nights in/out. Manchester. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365199

KIND affectionate male, seeks like-minded lady. Tonbridge/Sevenoaks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383518

HANDY male, 52, 5ft 8ins, large build, smoker, seeks female, 30-60 for fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 268754

BLACK male, 48, medium build, attractive, likes sports, films, music, bars, N/S, seeks attractive, fun female for friendship, maybe more. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365351

SINGLE professional male, 39, likes pubs, meals out, cinema, seeks petite female, 30-40 for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365527

NICE looking fella, 45, 6ft, slim, fit, open-minded, no baggage, seeks genuine, relaxed, sexy female with similar outlook for all the good stuff and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365481

RAOL Indian, 28, open-minded, seeks female for friendship, meals out, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365465

TALL dark handsome male, athletic, stocky, tanned, helpful, generous, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365437

GAY non scene student, Tim, mid 20's, seeks older retired gent, 75 plus for beautiful friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363999

MALE 34, attractive, 5ft 10ins, blue eyes, blond hair, seeks slim male for fun relationship. Any area, can travel. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 318192

GYM buddy, Late 40's male, chubby, fit, looking for someone non scene, 35-50 with GSOH to do the gym, Chertsey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364871

SOLVENT gay male, 61, likes travel, history, seeks gent, 48-62. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364843

Men Seeking

ROB 38, likes animals, cinema, walks, meals out, children, slim, 5ft 11ins, black hair, seeks bubbly female, 25-40. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349066

MICKEY 53yr old, young at heart, slim, fit, OHAC, solvent, seeks special honest, modern female, 40-59. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364813

MICHAEL 40, fit, dark, blue eyes, 5ft 8ins, can you make me smile again, wanting friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385344

MALE seeks female for chats, friendship, walks on the beach, curls etc. Westgate on Sea. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364805

INTELLIGENT life loving professional writer, Canterbury, 53, 5ft 9ins, seeks bright, interesting lady for sincere friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364781

RICHARD 46, dark hair, blue eyes, 5ft 6ins, easygoing, genuine, likes holidays, theatre, music, cooking, beach walks, countryside, cinema, seeks similar female 36-57 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363930

STEFAN 47, likes walks, theatre, cinema, seeks caring, sincere, fun female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365006

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INSIDE THIS WEEK

The East Malling Trust has contributed to five new horticultural research fellowships worth a combined total of £1.25 million over the next five years. The pot was put together in a bid to protect UK horticulture research and development from further Government funding cutbacks. A Trust spokesman called on other businesses and organisations in the industry to follow suit.

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Osborne vows to tackle jobs and housing during Gills visit

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CHANCELLOR George Osborne spoke of his commitment to the county during a whistlestop pre-local election push in Kent.

The Tory frontbencher met Gillingham FC's manager Andy Hessenthaler and senior squad at the team's Priestfield Stadium on Tuesday afternoon.

After a brief period out on the hallowed turf, Osborne was quizzed on his plans to encourage job creation across the county, which took a huge hit last month after its firms failed to secure a single penny in the first £450 million round of the Government's Regional Growth Fund (RGF).

Just one of the Kent, Essex and East Sussex Local Enterprise Partnership's 17 applications was successful, and that was from Essex-based e2v Technologies.

But Osborne said the region was key to the country and would benefit from the London 2012 Olympics.

"The South East is an incredibly important region for the country and we are committed to some really big investments here, particularly in transport with the Crossrail development due to connect London with the Thames Gateway area," he said.

"The Olympics will also bring a lot of money to the county. But on top of that we're always looking at what more we can do for local areas, and [Medway MP] Rehman Chishti and Medway Council have been talking about what we can



PLEDGE: The Chancellor said he was committed to creating jobs and across the South East

do for the towns. All parts of the country need assistance in different ways, but the key here is to get transport and housing right in the South East, and making sure the jobs are here. These are our priorities."

Osborne also reassured north Kent businesses that the much-lauded Thames Gateway corridor was very much in the Conservatives' plans.

He said: "We are still very committed to the Thames Gateway region, and the Olympics is

the centrepiece of that project. But even though we've had to sort out the mess we inherited, I think we've been able to do that while keeping the key components of the TG project.

"I was talking to Michael Heseltine about this the other day, as he had the original vision for the project. We both agreed it was one of the most important projects in the whole of the country, and that the Olympics and high-speed rail create an opportunity to take the region into the 21st century."

Last month Kent County Council leader Paul Carter spoke of his disappointment that Kent had been overlooked by the RGF panel but that Government was beginning to recognise that the South East was not entirely prosperous and certain to deliver growth.

"I think the message is slowly getting through, but it was Michael Heseltine and others whose job it was to sift through the Regional Growth Fund applications, and Nick Clegg who made the final decision. So no matter what other ministers want to do, it's the panel that will decide," Cllr Carter said.

"Disappointed would not be the right word because I was not very optimistic bearing in mind the noises from certain people in the Government that the South East would not be a significant recipient of the fund.

"But just because it sees us as having a prosperous economy does not mean we shouldn't have an even more prosperous economy."

Cllr Carter said he was hopeful Kent would fare better when the second round of funding, worth about £1 billion, was announced this summer.

FINANCE

Law firm to lead debt recovery day

A WORKSHOP will take place next month, giving businesses the tools to get tough with their debtors.

The one-day event is being held at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel, Maidstone, and has been co-organised by law firm Furley Page and the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce.

Furley Page debt recovery and insolvency boss Martin Kingman, based in Chatham, said: "Times have been hard and with companies taking longer to pay, it is crucial that businesses have an appropriate debt recovery procedure agreed and in place.

"Businesses who attend this workshop will be shown that provided they have the right safeguards built into their systems, they can prevent problems with debtors."

The Thursday, June 16 workshop costs £30 to non-Chamber members and is particularly aimed at credit controllers and financial directors.

For more information, call the Chamber on 01233 503838 or book online at www.kentinvictachamber.



REFORM: Tory MP Chris Grayling

WELFARE

Fit to work figures prompt reforms

THREE out of four recent sickness benefit applicants were found to be fit for work, Government figures have revealed.

The statistics showed 887,300 healthy employees attempted to get their hands on taxpayers' cash between 2008 and 2010.

Of those, 39 per cent were deemed 'fit for work' while a further 36 per cent abandoned their claim before their medical assessment was complete – suggesting they knew it would be thrown out. The shock figures were taken from 1,175,000 new Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) applicants during a 22-month period.

Employment Minister Chris Grayling said: "Once again we have clear evidence of the need for change in our welfare system. That's why we are reassessing all of those claimants.

"We will, of course, carry on providing unconditional support to those who cannot work, but for those who can it's right and proper that they start back on the road to employment."

ENTREPRENEURS

School enterprise will help start-ups

SOUTH East entrepreneurs have cited the creation of more school enterprise courses as the most important factor of securing the next generation of successful solo start-ups.

Almost two in five (39 per cent) of the region's entrepreneurs listed such educational enterprise ventures as their top priority, when questioned by Coutts.

The creation of entrepreneurial apprentices and more positive stories around entrepreneurs as role models came in second and third place with 29 and 13 per cent, respectively.

Coutts' South East managing partner Andy Rymer said: "What's important is to get real-life entrepreneurs and business owners together with school pupils and students to help set up apprenticeships and mentoring schemes to grow the sector. StartUp Britain has been building such connections.

"Our own research shows the top personal traits attributed to entrepreneurs' success as business owners are perseverance, passion and ambition."

COMMENT

POLITICAL commentators may question the effectiveness of Chancellor George Osborne's visit to Gillingham FC's Priestfield Stadium this week, being as he spoke with only the vice-chairman, manager, senior players and a handful of local reporters.

And sports commentators may question his timing, what with his Tatton constituency's close proximity to Macclesfield FC, who humbled the Gills on their own patch just four days previous.

But away from the worlds of local elections and League Two football clubs, Osborne hinted that Pfizer's site may soon be converted into one of the Government's new Enterprise Zones (EZ).

While refusing to be drawn directly on the issue, the Chancellor said the unwanted research and development site in Sandwich was suitable for an EZ and that he recognised the effects Pfizer's withdrawal would have on the county, including issues such as initial job losses and the migration of skilled workers elsewhere.

It is encouraging that he understands the importance of incentivising businesses to fill the void created by Pfizer.

Time will tell if Osborne's hint proves telling or if the Government has another home in mind for Kent, East Sussex and Essex Local Enterprise Partnership's EZ.

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Horticultural research set to blossom thanks to £1.25 million fund

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RESEARCH fellowships worth a total of £1.25 million have been handed out to five leading horticultural academics.

The five-year funding has been made available thanks to a collaboration between the East Malling Trust (EMT), Horticultural Development Company (HDC) and the Horticultural Trades Association (HTA).

EMT chairman said it was vital that the private sector stepped in to support UK horticulture research and development and called on other organisations and businesses to do the same.

"It is feared that public funding cutbacks are undermining research, which is essential for the industry if it is to remain competitive in a global marketplace," he said.

"Furthermore, the UK as a whole needs the industry to ensure a viable future for food production and to provide the social, economic, environmental, health and wellbeing benefits from plants and the landscape.

"These Fellowships are enabling our industry to develop nationally significant work, and to facilitate the employment and mentoring of a new generation of science specialists."

Awards were presented to scientists and academics at East Malling Research (EMR), ADAS, Harper Adams and Stockbridge Technology Centre (STC) on Thursday, April 28.

EMR will use the funding to appoint a trainee researcher in plant pathology and crop protection, while ornamentals expertise will be strengthened at STC.

Two young entomologists will be trained and mentored at ADAS, initially focusing on integrated pest management research. ADAS will also develop



FELLOWSHIPS: Academics and scientists have been awarded £1.25 million funding

horticultural weeds expertise that would otherwise soon disappear.

HDC chairman Neil Bragg said: "The awards are essential to ensure that we support the future development of essential applied scientists and to ensure that the work and experience of the existing scientists is not lost but developed for the future.

"The Fellowships have been made to try to cover essential skills which are threatened at present, such as weeds science, entomology, and ornamentals research. The collaboration between EMT, HDC & HTA is hopefully a model which other groups can follow or add to for the future."

David Gwyther, HTA Director Gener-

al, said: "Outside of limited funds from the HDC the ornamentals sector has virtually no other support for applied research. The industry had to act now to prevent further decline and I am delighted that many of these fellowships will directly benefit the ornamentals industry."

The awarding of the five Fellowships follows an agreement signed between EMT, HDC and HTA at Fruit Focus 2010, held at EMR.

The partners have also agreed to support a number of unsuccessful Fellowship application projects to submit bids for funding from BBSRC, Technology Strategy Board, or HDC cross-panel funding.



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Cutting concern: can Government's Red Tape challenge website help to chop regulations?

THE Government's online regulation-cutting campaign continues to divide opinion across the country.

Prime Minister David Cameron's Red Tape Challenge site calls on business leaders to flag up the rules that are stifling growth, with a view to scrapping thousands of unnecessary regulations.

Some Kent businesses have questioned the Government's ability to cut EU-imposed red tape, while others have welcomed the initiative.

The Marketing Eye's managing director Neil Edwards said: "The Red Tape Challenge is popularity politics of the worst order and reeks of civil servants advising ministers on how to win the hearts of business owners, without the first idea of what it's like to run a small business.

"If they think business owners come into work every day worrying about one regulation or another, they are on another planet. It is liquidity; access to finance; the cost of employing people

and where the next order is coming from that keeps us awake, not which returns to complete.

"The taxpayer is now the proud owner of a shiny new website that allows us to tell [Government] which regulations are working and which are not; what should be scrapped, what should be saved and what should be simplified."

"Then, further on, 'once you've had your say, ministers will have three months to work out which regulations they want to

keep and why'. Democracy, hey, you couldn't make it up."

But CooperBurnett Partner Victoria Sampson was in favour of the online drive, saying: "I welcome the website and, in particular, the burden on ministers to be required to make a very good case for onerous regulations to stay.

"I also welcome the Government's engagement with the public as it is they who are at the actual coal face dealing with over-regulation each day."

High-spec medical manufacturer looks forward a to healthy future

ITL's chief executive Tom Cole has his sights set on the Germans.

The qualified electronics engineer said the high-spec medical diagnostic instrumentation design and manufacturing company wanted to move into new markets, including Germany, where their nearest European rivals operate.

The bold move is part of ITL's plans to build upon their title of the UK's number one firm in the field, and will also see them move into India as well as further develop its Chinese arm, used for high volume production as well as distribution and warehousing.

Mr Cole and his marketing director, Dr Greg Smith, will be leading a delegation to India to find distributors for their own products in this growing market place. Building a UK-India relationship is among their top priorities.

Cole said the company, which offers an unrivalled one-stop shop approach to the design and manufacture of some of the latest cutting edge medical equipment, was perfectly placed to expand.

He said: "There are businesses that design products and there are those that manufacture them. What we can do is take a product through from its initial conception through to manufacturing. It's definitely one of our unique selling points because our customers can come in with just a drawing on the back of a cigarette packet and we will take it through the design, prototyping, manufacturing and commercialisation processes.

"In the UK we're number one because we're the only company that does what we do. Within 12 months of that idea coming to us the client will be able to take a world class product to market. We guarantee that."

The company, based in Ellingham Way, Ashford, was established 35 years ago and has grown into a streamlined machine.

The 75 on-site staff are split between research and design and manufacturing departments.

Currently the company is working on 10 new products at the R&D stage while producing a further 20 on the shop floor.

Inside the firm's long, narrow boardroom Cole fanned out a number of promotional pamphlets for a range of high-tech medical products his company has built or designed, or both, in recent years.

He also pointed to a stylish piece of machinery

The BIG Interview

Integrated Technologies Limited is the name behind the biggest brands in medical diagnostic instrumentation. Chief executive Tom Cole told Business Week editor **Simon Robinson** how the established Ashford firm is called upon to bring cutting-edge products to market, at times taking them from initial concept right through to mass manufacture and distribution



sitting on a desk at the end of the room. His team had been asked to re-work the product, which had been 'completed' by a Singapore rival – and was as big as a dining room table when they got their hands on it.

A major overhaul later and the sleek unit was a third of its former size.

Cole said his company's first class reputation and associated successes – such as those in front of me – were largely thanks to his highly-skilled staff.

"It's a team effort," he said. "No one person in this organisation can work in isolation. The team must work together. The reason that works so well is that most people here have worked together for so long. Most of our engineers have been with the company for 20 to 25 years and I think that's because we give them such a wide range of life-saving products to work on."

"We didn't realise how good our engineers were until we compared them with others around the world. It's only when you put them up against engineers in China and the US that you see we're in a different league entirely."

"I think the reason we're such a cut above is that our engineers are very commercially minded and very practical: they get the job done in nine to 12 months. And we pride ourselves on never having any product returns – that's why we get repeat customers."

Cole said the company's customer attention to aftercare was also part of their success in retaining clients.

He said: "We always keep in contact with the customer once we've designed and manufactured their product because we want to know how sales are going and what the feedback from users has been so we can make any necessary improvements."

"It's a continuous process, we don't just make an item and then forget about it. We want to enhance it so that the customer keeps coming back to us."

Another factor in ITL's rise to the top of the UK market is its security in diversity.

Cole explained: "Last year there were tough times for the manufacturing industry because of the recession. Our customer had too much stock on finished instruments and were unable to move them on as the market had slowed down."

"But rather than standing still, they switched their focus to innovation and the next generation of products."

"So rather than spending money with us on manufacturing they spent money with us on R&D. We're predicting growth of about 20 per cent in the next year and hope to take turnover up from £8 million to £10 million."

Finances aside, it is clear that Cole places equal value on the positive role the products they work on are having across the globe.

"It's a fantastic industry to be involved in," he said.

"Everyone likes to help save lives. If you think you're contributing to putting world class products into the market that are going to be able to help people, such as a machine that helps diagnose breast cancer earlier, that brings us a lot of joy."

ITL are going to come up with innovations in new products, services and ways of doing business that will help get the economy going again.



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IT'S A TEAM EFFORT: The 75-strong ITL workforce outside their Ashford office in Ellingham Way

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TAX

New framework for filing fines

SOLE traders and partners are set to face new penalties for filing their tax returns late.

The new system, introduced by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, will see an initial £100 fixed penalty issued to those who are even one day late in filling out the necessary paperwork, while those who are three months late will face additional fine of £10 per day, until the return is filed, for a maximum of 90 days.

Reeves senior tax manager Nigel Moon said: "For tax returns up to 2009/10 the rules effectively capped a late filing penalty at the amount of tax unpaid at January 31, and we have used this rule on our clients' behalf to good effect where returns have been unavoidably delayed.

"However, we will find this route blocked in the future as a new penalties regime will now apply to any late tax return for 2010/11 onwards.

"Under the new system taxpayers who have not filed within six months of the filing date will face a minimum penalty of £1,300 increasing to £1,600 if they are 12 months late.

"In addition, there may be tax geared penalties for late submission - and further tax geared penalties if tax is paid late."

IMPORTS

Entrance point to England

KENT'S business connections with the Continent are set to be boosted by a new multi-million-pound development.

The planned Calais Premier park will be built across 160 hectares in the industrial zone of Turquerie, which stretches along the Calais-Dunkirk railway line and is situated between Calais Port and the Channel Tunnel.

The first phase of the project will see logistics warehouses, industrial parks and commercial properties built on 50 hectares.

Calais business bosses will also invest £1.8 million in a new railway junction at the site and upgrades on the whole Calais-Dunkirk line.

The £350 million Calais 2015 Port Project will extend the port to twice its size.

The myriad of developments has been coordinated to provide a direct entrance point to England from Europe.

Accordingly, contact has been made with potential UK clients, including suppliers in the automobile industry and mass-market suppliers.

The mayor of Calais, Natacha Bouchart, said: "With this project, Calais will assert its strategic position as a European crossroads, create thousands of jobs and bring in million of pounds of investment."

Investees' attitude goes from 'when' to 'how' as perceptions change

Simon Robinson

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THE county's private-equity outlook remains positive despite public sector spending cuts, according to the Matrix Group.

Jonathan Gregory, Partner at Matrix Private Equity Partners (MPEP) said the market would favour "businesses of the highest quality" in the next six months.

He said: "We have experienced a notable increase in investment driven by a change in the mindset of owners who have moved from thinking about 'when' to 'how' they can realise the value of their business.

"Perceptions of business owners in Kent have changed due to the benefits of the benign capital taxes regime in comparison to the issues associated with the income tax system. Also there is a realisation that valuation prices are unlikely to increase significantly in the short or even medium term.

"Kent is well positioned to weather the consequences of public sector spending cuts, benefiting from low interest rates and the weaker pound. We are seeing that our investee companies based in the county are reflecting this through exceptionally strong performance.

"However even in Kent only those businesses of the highest quality will be able to command premium prices and the weaker players will struggle to attract investment or bank debt."



POSITIVE: Private equity expert Jonathan Gregory said Kent's leading firms would blossom in the current market while "weaker" players would find it difficult to attract investment but the outlook of the private equity market was good

Matrix has been very active on the investment trail, having completed three deals in the last two months alone - the £8.5 million management buyout (MBO) of printing business Automated Systems Group Ltd, the £9 million MBO of European recruitment provider RDL Corporation and the £4.5 million MBO of Kent based publishing business Faversham House.

The firm is now looking for strong players operating in niche businesses that have significant opportunities for growth.

But deals have been hindered by a lack of cash flow finance.

Gregory said: "The availability of bank debt is mixed. For the larger transactions (north of £10 million), there does seem to be more appetite this year, however in the sub £10 million bracket the situation is much more varied particularly in relation to cash flow lending.

"In order to address the lack of cash flow finance for smaller businesses we provide the debt ourselves, as part of an overall funding package that gives greater deliverability and certainty to the vendor.

"There is much more flexibility from vendors with regards to how their consideration is paid; an increase in vendor loans being used in order that the seller can benefit from better interest rates than offered on bank deposits and a rise in vendors taking small equity stakes in order to benefit from future potential valuation uplifts.

"The exit environment is looking promising and there is growing interest from overseas buyers who perceive that UK businesses are looking relatively cheap. There is strong competition for new deals as private equity investors have significant levels of funds to deploy.

"We expect our portfolio companies to benefit from particularly strong demand in the mid-market, from private equity houses that have very high levels of liquidity and need to invest their funds in the next few years."

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'Backbone of the business' is in line for luxury Prague getaway

TOP PA Sharon Walsh is in the running for a five-night city break after reaching the final in a national assistant competition.

Sharon, from Eynsford, near Dartford, is one of just six PAs in line for the top prize - a holiday in Prague.

The executive assistant to the HR director at Channel 4 said she was delighted to reach the finals in the PA of the Year Award.

"I am thrilled to have been named as one of the UK's top PAs," she said. "People often don't realise the impact PAs can have on an organisation.

"I have been an assistant for many years now and it's absolutely great to have my hard work and input recognised."

The award has been sponsored by Hays Recruitment and The Times.

Hays PA and Secretarial managing director Geoff Sims said: "PAs like

Sharon make a huge contribution to organisations and there is often not enough acknowledgement for people in these important support roles who keep the wheels of business turning and are the backbone of their business."

The winner will be announced by Ultimo founder Michelle Mone on Thursday, May 19. "These six finalists all share a proactive and adaptable spirit I can easily relate to. As someone who has built up her own business, I know how vital it is to have a strong team around you," said Ms Mone.

"People often do not appreciate just how demanding the role of PA is, and how significant their contribution to an organisation is, so it's great that six of the nation's best have been sought out.

"I wish the best of luck to all the talented final six ahead of the award announcement."



FINALIST: Sharon Walsh

Beat the burglars when you lock your front door

By Simon Robinson

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AGEAS Insurance's latest research has provided an insight into why domestic burglaries are on the rise.

Figures collated by the insurance giant revealed that just under one in two adults (47 per cent) do not lock their front door as a rule when they are at home.

More than one in ten (13 per cent) only ever lock their front door at bedtime.

Ageas also found that homes across the UK display on average £1,223 of valuables such as TV's, other electronic goods, antiques and works of art that are clearly visible for would-be burglars to see through home windows.

Nearly one in five residents (18 per cent) said that as much as £2,000 or more worth of valuables could be seen by a passer-by looking through a window and one in three (35 per cent) said that valuables worth more than £1,000 could be seen.

Ageas Insurance managing director Mark Cliff said: "It is often wrongly assumed that many household burglaries are committed while homes are empty. Canny burglars know that many people assume that by being at home, they themselves are a deterrent and so they take fewer precautions.

"But an unlocked front door or window can be an open invitation to a burglar while the occupier is distracted by spend-



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If you can gain entry, a burglar will be inside a lot faster than you

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BREAKING IN: The fact that you're inside your home will not deter a burglar from making the most of an opportunity to steal

ing time in the garden.

"With so few people routinely securing their home while they are there it's no wonder that so many thefts are committed without a forced entry.

"It is not about turning your home into a fortress but simply getting into the habit of locking doors and windows, regardless of the period of time the house or room is unattended."

Roy Rudham, Chairman

of UK Neighbourhood Watch Trust, which gets 15,000 visits to its website each day added: "People should treat their homes like they treat their cars – do not leave valuables on show, lock the doors and make sure you are insured.

"If you were to lock your home how easy would it be for you to get in? If you can easily gain entry, a burglar will be inside a lot faster than you."

PM: There's no sense in Europe's single sex insurance premiums

PRIME Minister David Cameron has accused the European Court of Justice of lacking "common sense" after it ruled that car insurers cannot charge men and women different premiums based on gender.

Mr Cameron hit out at the controversial ruling, made last month, arguing that premiums should be based on risk.

He also derided the supporters of the move as the "loony left".

But the ECJ said the existing ruling was unfair



ACCUSED: David Cameron

and needed to be turned on its head.

A statement read: "Taking the gender of the insured individual into account as a risk factor in insurance contracts constitutes discrimination."

The ECJ's decision means insurers can no longer charge lower car insurance to women than men.

The cost of buying a pensions annuity is also set to change.

The PM said he was less than impressed with the ECJ's decision.

"I have to say it [the ruling] shows that some of the loony left is still alive and well in our country because frankly insurance premiums ought to reflect risk," he said.

And in addressing Tory Jonathan Evans, MP for Cardiff North, who raised the issue in Parliament, Mr Cameron added: "You, as ever, are displaying common sense whereas the European Court did not."

Unisex insurance premiums are to come into force in December next year.

RECESSION

Slowdown comes out as top concern

THE economic slowdown has been listed as the greatest threat to global business leaders, Aon has found.

The insurance broker found that the continuing fallout from the recession was their number one concern.

Of the 1,000 business leaders surveyed across 58 countries 67 per cent said that had suffered a loss of income associated with this risk.

Failure to innovate/meet customer needs, technology failure and an inability to attract/retain top talent were among the top 10 concerns.

Rory Moloney, head of risk consulting in Europe, said: "In the UK and Ireland, businesses are acutely aware of the uncertainty surrounding the financial stability of European nations, which is most likely the reason we see political risks and exchange rate fluctuations in their top 10 concerns.

"This survey was conducted prior to the upheaval in the Middle East and North Africa, as well as the New Zealand and Japan earthquakes, so it is possible these concerns would be even higher on the list today."

George Zsolnay, head of Aon Analytics in the US, said: "The findings shared in our report underscore the undeniable interdependence among various risks as well as economies around the globe. It is more important than ever for organisations to embrace an enterprise-wide approach to managing risk, and optimise their strategy on a global basis."



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Skills festival is first of its kind for careers guidance

STUDENTS from Romney Marsh, Ashford and Shepway are discovering the wealth of career opportunities available to them at the first Romney Marsh Skills Festival.

The two-day event, which ends on Saturday (May 7) at the Marsh Academy, focuses on the rural economy, energy and engineering, construction, IT and telecoms, fashion, and marine and maritime industries.

More than 600 students have been taking part in a wide range of hands-on activities and masterclasses, including masonry, timber-framing and even robot programming.

Marsh Academy chairman of governors Robert Alston said: "It is especially important that parents and children have an awareness of the range and kinds of careers potentially open to them, and of the educational paths involved when selecting their options."

"The Marsh Academy is very excited to host the Romney Marsh Skills Festival – the first of its kind in Kent – which will help not only our students but young people from across the area to make the best choices for their futures."

"We hope it will be the first of many."

The event, which was officially launched at the House of Lords earlier this year, has been organised by Kent County Council in partnership with the Marsh Academy and the City of London Livery Companies, with support from Hadlow College.

Those in attendance were also offered advice on apprenticeships and self-employment.

Date set for next apprentice week

THE next National Apprenticeship Week will take place from Monday, February 6, to Friday, February 10 next year.

More than 500 events were held across the UK for the last event, the aim of which was to engage employers with apprenticeship programmes by highlighting the advantages of taking on and supporting apprentices in the workplace.

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Green scheme ahead for former museum?



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HISTORIC: Ramsgate's East Cliff Hall could be turned into a hothouse for the eco-friendly employers of Thanet's future

By Steve Knight

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A FORMER motor museum in Ramsgate could be about to start a new life as a hothouse for eco-friendly entrepreneurs.

The West Cliff Hall has remained empty since the classic cars it once housed were all removed in 2004, but a group of local businessmen and women now hope to re-open the historic venue to aid in Thanet's economic recovery.

They plan to use the hall to help young entrepreneurs develop the skills, confidence and contacts to become the isle's employers of the future, and to seize opportunities presented by the low-carbon economy in east Kent.

If the proposals get the go-ahead, they will also be involved in the running of a low-carbon venue that includes offices, a theatre, restaurant, gallery, shop and independent cinema.

The project is being sponsored by the Low Carbon Community Ramsgate (LCCR) charity, the community champion of which is Austral-

ia-born Ramsgate resident Janet Fielding, who starred alongside both Tom Baker and Peter Davison in the TV series Doctor Who between 1981 and 1984.

She said: "Entrepreneurs start young. This is an excellent opportunity to help local kids with a flair for business."

"Latest figures show that not only is Thanet's unemployment the highest in Kent, Thanet wages are £83 less than they are in Canterbury and £159 less than they are in Dover districts."

"We don't just need more employment here. We need better employment and we can't rely solely on outsiders to bring it to us. We have to find ways of doing that for ourselves."

A venue for wartime dances in the 1940s, the West Cliff Hall is also fondly remembered for hosting school speech nights and even an early Rolling Stones concert in 1964.

Unoccupied and damaged by water for more than six years, LCCR estimates that it requires £5.5 million for substantial repairs before it can be brought back to life. They say leaving it to

continue to deteriorate is not an option as the roof of the hall holds up the first 40 metres of Ramsgate's West Cliff Promenade.

Members of Thanet council's ruling Conservative cabinet discussed the plans at a meeting last Thursday (April 28) when they were asked to approve a recommendation to give the charity an option on the building.

However, the councillors have asked for more financial information before making a decision.

LCCR chairman John East – also a City financier and talented jazz musician – said: "We have a real chance to make a real dent in Thanet's unemployment figures and save Ramsgate's West Cliff Hall and Gardens."

"Our next challenge is to raise the funds to make this a reality."

Other members of the LCCR board include corporate lawyer Clare Grayston (secretary), financial expert and East Cliff Residents' Association member Chris Welch (treasurer), retired architect Russell White and senior NHS managers Jane Hetherington and Sonja Bigg.

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The course will include information on how to use a mouse and keyboard, how to send an email, how to search for information on the internet, how to stay safe while online and

more. A spokesman said: "Online Basics is a great way for you to get started online, helping you gain the skills and confidence you need to start using computers and the internet."

"The course is for anyone. You don't have to know anything about computers or have any experience. However, if you do it will help you practice your skills."

"Whether you're looking to develop computer and internet skills for a new job or simply

save time, money and hassle by using the internet to order your weekly shopping or pay your bills, Online Basics can help you get started."

The Island Partnership was founded in 1988 with the aim of tackling unemployment and improving the level of skills on the Isle of Sheppey.

For more information or to book an appointment with an advisor, call 01795 59670 or visit the Old Library in Trinity Road, Sheerness.

Tiffany Pisani shows she's a model pupil

SCHOOLCHILDREN from across the county have designed outfits for Britain's Next Top Model.

Tiffany Pisani, who was crowned winner of the popular Sky Living television show in October, modelled the garments which had been designed, crafted, styled and marketed during a five-day course run by the University for the Creative Arts (UCA) in Rochester.

Inga Patching, widening participation co-ordinator at UCA, said: "The aim of the project is to find new talent in the local area, while also raising aspirations of young people that might not have thought they could pursue a career in fashion."

"Everyone has said how much they have loved the course, including Britain's Next Top Model, Tiffany Pisani, who told me she wished she could have done a project like this when she was younger."

The outreach project, which took place between Friday, April 15, and Thursday, April 21, gave 31 fashion wannabes the opportunity to experience university-style lessons with some of UCA's lecturers, technicians and current students.

Mrs Patching added: "They learn practical and theoretical skills that are vital for the world of fashion, such as sketching, pattern-cutting, sewing and promotion, plus their hard work is captured in a portfolio which they can show future employers and add to their CV."

Katie Jarvis, 17, from Thomas Aveling School,



BEAUTY: Tiffany Pisani with two of her designers

Rochester, said: "I've done some fashion work at school but I've learned so much more during this project – it's a great opportunity to find out what university is like and see if it is for you."

Paige Harrison, 17, who attends Folkestone Academy, added: "I didn't know if I wanted to do fashion design or fashion journalism, but the course has made me realise that my passion is actually in designing clothes – and when Britain's Next Top Model says she'd like to wear your dress for an event, you know you're doing something right."

'Visual merchandising' students boosted by Royal Wedding designs

VISUAL merchandising students from North West Kent College have been putting their skills to good use to help small businesses in Sevenoaks.

Caroline Russell, Janette Susans, Karen Chappell and Rachel Taylor have recently passed their exams in the subject and installed four window displays for Sashani the jewellers.

Its owner Philip Chown had met Janette, 21, at a business masterclass and invited her to

design the sweets-themed designs for his shop.

Janette said: "I loved being able to work on a real shop window and put the theory I have learned at Bluewater's Learning Shop into practice."

Fellow shopkeeper and wedding dress designer Bea Das was so impressed by the Sashani display that she approached the students' tutor Laura Lewis about doing one for her shop based on the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate

Middleton – now known as the Duchess of Cambridge.

The display has been designed around the theme of a vintage tea party and celebrates the Britishness of the Royal Family.

Ms Lewis said: "Despite the short notice it was too exciting an opportunity to turn down."

"Who knows when the next royal wedding of this scale might be?"

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PLANNING

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

- 11/01167/LBC** The Old Livery Stables The Green, Benenden
- Listed Building Consent: Satellite dish (LB)
- 11/01074/HOUSE** Claremont 3 Willesey Gardens, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- New detached garage and alterations to existing garage roof and frontage (LB)(CA)
- 11/01155/HOUSE** 4 Earls Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden
- Extension of Time: Two-storey rear extension and first floor side extension over existing flat roof with two dormer windows to rear elevation (08/01000 refers) (CA)
- 11/01131/FUL** Etchinghill Farmyard Gore Lane, Goudhurst
- Demolition of existing buildings and erection of new dwelling for Mr & Mrs S Taurins (DEVPLN)
- 11/01175/FULMJ** Orchard Place Farm Pearsons Green Road, Paddock Wood
- Change of use from agriculture and formation of one additional lake with associated access and car parking area to extend the fishing enterprise (PROV)(MAJOR)
- 11/01004/HOUSE** 3 Howard Lodge 16 Mount Sion, Pantiles & St Marks
- Replace existing critical metal window with new glazed timber doors to kitchen, replace existing critical window with new double glazed timber sash window and block up existing door to dining room. New rooflight to stair, ensuite bathroom to master bedroom and replacement stairs (LB)(CA)
- 11/01008/LBC** 3 Howard Lodge 16 Mount Sion, Pantiles & St Marks
- Listed Building Consent - Replace existing critical metal window with new glazed timber doors to kitchen, replace existing critical window with new double glazed timber sash window and block up existing door to dining room. New rooflight to stair, ensuite bathroom to master bedroom and replacement stairs (LB)
- 11/01096/LBC** York House 71 - 73 High Street, Pantiles & St Marks
- Listed Building Consent: Works to bungalow to the rear - Remove timber beam and brick up openings beneath; repair cracking to brickwork and repoint as necessary; renew roof guttering and down pipes; repair or replace existing windows; change access to Frog Lane with new gate located other side of bungalow further up Frog Lane; replace rotten ends of roof truss timbers and rafters and demolition of outbuilding (LB)
- 11/01169/FUL** 12 - 14 High Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Retrospective - Change of use of ground floor to A1/A3 (LB)(CA)
- 11/01022/FUL** 122 - 126 Henwood Green Road Pembury, Pembury
- Installation of electrical roller shutter (pin hole type) (LB)
- 11/01121/HOUSE** Pineys Modest Corner, Southborough North
- Garage conversion to habitable room. Raising of roof at front, conservatory extension at rear and infill of balcony at first floor (CA)
- (DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROV) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement. You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.
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HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

WRENS NEST LANE, HIGH HALDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new electrical supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Wrens Nest Lane, High Halden, on or after 9 May 2011 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Shawlands Lane and Hookstead.

The alternative route is via Shawlands Lane, Thurstons Lane and Wrens Nest Lane.

BRUNSWICK ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching and repairs to areas of potholes and surface failure, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Brunswick Road, Ashford, on or after 23 May 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with the A28 for a distance of approximately 15 metres.

The alternative route is via Brunswick Road, Hilton Road and A28 Chart Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

ROSS GARDENS, ROUGH COMMON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of ducting works in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ross Gardens, Rough Common, Canterbury, on or after 11 May 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside numbers 37-42.

The alternative route is via Rough Common Road and the other junction of Ross Gardens.

SCHOOL LANE, HERNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To enable scaffolding to be in place for building maintenance and to allow safe movement for pedestrians where the road is narrow, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on School Lane, Herne, on or after 9 May 2011 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the Smugglers Inn.

There will be no access for through traffic between A291 Herne Street and the rest of School Lane.

The alternative route is via A291 Herne Street, Canterbury Road, Mill View Road and Mill Lane.

BREDLANDS LANE, STURRY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of a new waste water inspection chamber, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bredlands Lane, Sturry, from 28 May 2011 until 6 June 2011 or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Spires Academy.

The alternative route is via A28 Island Road, Staines Hill, Babs Oak Hill and Hoath Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A257 CANTERBURY, LITTLEBOURNE, ICKHAM AND WELL AND WINGHAM) (50 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A257 CANTERBURY ROAD, WINGHAM) (30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Orders under section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the first named Order will be to introduce a 50 mph speed limit in the A257 at the

following locations:

From the existing 40mph limit into Canterbury at a point 80m east of the junction between the A257 and Stodmarsh Road to the 30mph entry into Littlebourne at the top of The Hill, Littlebourne.

From the existing 30mph limit into Littlebourne from the east at Wingham Road, Littlebourne to a point 45m east of the entrance to Fairview Nursery, Canterbury Road, Wingham.

The effect of the second named Order will be to introduce a 30 mph speed limit in the A257 between the existing 30mph speed limit gateway and a point 45m east of the entrance to Fairview Nursery.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of the council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined on Monday to Friday at Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to:

The Transportation and Development Manager, East Kent Area, Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by 12 noon on Tuesday 31st May 2011

BOLTS HILL, CHARTHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new waste water connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bolts Hill, Chartham, on or after 23 May 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of The Old Ford Yard.

The alternative route is via Bolts Hill, Shalmsford Street, Baker's Lane, Rattington Street, Station Road and Parish Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL UNIVERSITY WAY, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is being held on the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by Dartford Toll bound vehicular traffic on University Way, Dartford from the roundabout at Thames Road to the A282 roundabout.

The Order will become effective on 23rd May 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the event is planned to take place 29th May 2011 and 26th June 2011 and last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Burnham Road, Victoria Road, Hythe Street, Highfield Road, East Hill, Park Road and Princes Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the Bridge Triathlon.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

SOLTON LANE (WHITE HILL), LANGDON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To enable railway infrastructure works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Solton Lane (White Hill), Langdon, on or after 14 May 2011 for up to 3 Saturday nights over 6 weeks.

Overnight closures are planned for Saturday 14 May 2011 Saturday 4 June 2011

There may be a further closure on Saturday 25 June 2011 if it has not been possible to complete all the works on the 2 earlier dates.

The planned closure times are between 9.00 pm through to 9.00 am.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via Solton Lane, A258 Deal Road, Hangman's Lane, The Street, East Langdon Road and White Hill.

VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Dover, on or after 10 May 2011 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below.

GORE LANE, EASTRY – between Mill Lane and Gore Road From 10 May 2011 for 4 days
Alternative route via Mill Lane, High Street, Woodnesborough Lane, Gore Road

PINEHAM ROAD, GUSTON – between The Street, Guston and Abbey Road, Whitfield
From 16 May 2011 for 3 days
Alternative route via East Langdon Road, Watersheer Lane, Abbey Road

GUSTON ROAD, EAST LANGDON – between Solton Lane and Watersheer Road
From 19 May 2011 for 2 days
Alternative route via Church Lane, East Langdon Road and Waldershare Lane

MILL LANE, WORTH - between A258 Deal Road and Hay Lane
From 23 May 2011 for 2 days
Alternative route via A258 Deal Road, Burgess Green, Broad Lane, The Street, Finglesham Road, Back Road, Hay Lane

HAY LANE, EASTRY – between Back Road and Hay Hill
From 25 May 2011 for 3 days
Alternative route via Back Road, Updown Lane, Hay Hill

These works are weather dependent, and the timing may be affected by adverse conditions.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (EXPERIMENTAL PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN) (RUSSELL STREET, DOVER) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order introduces experimentally no right turns from Russell Street, Dover onto the Azo Townwall Street Dover.

1. No person causing any vehicle proceeding in Russell Street shall cause that vehicle to turn right into Azo Townwall Street, Dover with the exception of:
2. Nothing in Article 1 of this Order shall prevent any person from causing or permitting a vehicle to turn right if it is:-
(i) Any vehicle on an occasion when it is being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes, if the observance of that provision would be likely to hinder the use of that vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on that occasion.

This Order was made on 6 May 2011 and will come into force on 9 May 2011.

The Kent County Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of this experimental Order should continue in force indefinitely.

Any alterations to this Order which will render it less restrictive may be authorised by the County Transport and Development Manager, without the requirement to re-advertise the Order under section 10 (2) of the said Act and after consultation with the chief officer of police.

Full details are contained in the Order which together with the relevant plans and a statement for the Councils reasons for making the Order may be examined at the offices of the Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford TN24 8AD and at Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover.

Within the period of 6 months of the coming into force of the Experimental Traffic Order and person may object to this Order prior to making the Order permanent. If you wish to object to the Experimental Order you should send the grounds for your objection in writing to Kent Highway Services, Transport and Development, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford TN24 8AD or by e mail to Td.canterbury.thanet@kent.gov.uk

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER DISTRICT) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO 5) ORDER 2011 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, proposes to introduce "At Any Time" Waiting Restrictions at various locations within the District of Dover.

The purpose of the proposal is to reduce obstruction caused by parked vehicles at junctions where visibility is impaired, thus causing concern about safety. It is therefore considered the most appropriate method to prevent motorists parking in inappropriate locations are by providing corner protection at these junctions.

Existing School – Keep Clear Markings at various locations within the district will be made enforceable and upgraded where appropriate, with signing to remind motorists of the importance of providing clear access to school sites.

The junctions subject to "At Any Time" Waiting Restrictions are:

Roads in Ash in the District of Dover:
HOLNESS ROAD / MOLLAND LEA
SANDWICH ROAD / CHERRY GARDEN LANE

Roads in Capel-le-Ferne in the District of Dover:
GREEN LANE / CAPEL STREET

Roads in Deal in the District of Dover:
BOWLING GREEN LANE – entrance opposite number 14 BRUCE GREEN / MANOR ROAD
CROSS ROAD / ST. RICHARD'S ROAD / MILL HILL
HAWKSDOWN / WHITE ACRE DRIVE
HAYWARD CLOSE – Opposite 2 and 3, south westwards for a distance of 10 metres
MILL ROAD – 2.5 metres north east of 58 and 60, north eastwards for a distance of 17 metres
NORTHCOTE ROAD – opposite number 10
SHOLDEN BANK / MONGEHAM ROAD
MONGEHAM ROAD / MONGEHAM VIEW

Roads in the District of Dover:
AVENUE ROAD / BEAONSFIELD AVENUE
BEAUFOY ROAD / ST RADIGUND'S ROAD
CHARLTON GREEN / BEAONSFIELD AVENUE
CHURCHILL ROAD / MAXTON ROAD
DICKSON ROAD – Both sides from 39 and 41 eastwards for a distance of 20 metres
North west side from land 2, north east then south eastwards for a distance of 20 metres
South east side from land 2, north east then south eastwards for a distance of 10 metres
DICKSON ROAD (MINOR SIDE RD) / DICKSON ROAD
DODDS LANE / CRABBLE HILL
DOVER ROAD – from 215, westwards for 36 metres
EATON ROAD / KITCHENER ROAD
GLOSTER ROPEWALK / GLOSTER WAY
MAXTON ROAD – 1 metre north west of A6 and A8, south eastwards for a distance of 22 metres
MAXTON ROAD / MOUNT ROAD
OLD CHARLTON ROAD – between Barton Road and Danes Court
ST DAVID'S AVENUE / ST GILES AVENUE
WHITE ACRE DRIVE / HAWKSDOWN

Roads in River in the District of Dover:
CRABBLE ROAD / MILL RACE

Roads in Sandwich in the District of Dover:
ASH ROAD – both sides of the road, either side of level crossing
DOVER ROAD / ST BARTHOLOMEW'S
STONAR ROAD / RAMSGATE ROAD
WOODNESBOROUGH ROAD / "SANDWICH LEISURE PARK" ENTRANCE
WOODNESBOROUGH ROAD / "ROPE WALK" FOOTPATH

Roads in St Margaret's-at-Cliffe in the District of Dover:
REACH ROAD / HIGH STREET
SEA STREET – "Access Road to Primary School Opposite "Portal House School"

Roads in Temple Ewell in the District of Dover:
TARGET FIRS / TARGET FIRS
TEMPLE SIDE – from number 2, south eastwards for a distance of 10 metres

Roads in Wingham in the District of Dover:
CANTERBURY ROAD – from numbers 1 and 2 "Waterlock Cottages", north east then eastwards for a distance of 60 metres

A copy of the proposed Orders, an explanatory statement and maps showing the extents of the proposals for both districts may be inspected during normal office hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX and at Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park Dover, Kent CT16 3PJ.
Anyone wishing to support, or object to the "At Any Time" Waiting Restrictions proposal should write to Mrs Diane Bourne, Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB quoting

For further information, please contact
Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800
(local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



HIGHWAYS

the name of the Order and reference No “B1647600 Dover” and stating their reasons, by not later than Monday 30th May 2011.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

SPRINGHEAD ROAD, NORTHFLEET - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Springhead Road, Northfleet between York Road and Thames Way.

The Order will become effective on 23rd May 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Thames Way, London Road and Springhead Road

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate renewal of existing gas main.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(A249 SITTINGBOURNE ROAD/DETLING HILL AND OTHER ROADS AT DETLING/THURNHAM/STOCKBURY) (TRAFFIC SPEED AND TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting traffic speed, the regulation of traffic and the use by traffic as described below. The order shall come into operation at times when required on 28th/29th/30th May 2011 and 15th/16th/17th July 2011.

Schedule
(The Speed limits and Traffic Regulations)

1. Traffic in excess of 40 mph shall be prohibited as follows:-
 - (i) On Detling Hill, Detling/Sittingbourne Road, Thurnham/Stockbury between the existing permanent 50 mph speed restriction at a point 480 metres north east of the junction with Scragged Oak Road to the turning for Detling Aerodrome Industrial Estate on the north east bound carriageway and from the Lily Spice restaurant on the south west bound carriageway. Also to prevent
 - (ii) Traffic in excess of 50 mph shall be prohibited from The Lily Spice restaurant to the right hand turn into Detling Aerodrome Industrial Estate and then prohibited to 40 mph to the top of Detling Hill.
 - (iii) Traffic in excess of 40 mph shall be prohibited on Sittingbourne Road/Detling Hill, Detling/Thurnham/Stockbury in both directions between its junction with the M20 roundabout (junction 7) and the M2 roundabout (junction 5).
2. No person shall, except upon the direction of a Police Officer, cause or permit a vehicle to:-
 - (i) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 south west bound into Scragged Oak Road.
 - (ii) Carry out a right hand turn from Scragged Oak Road onto the A249 south west bound.
 - (iii) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 northbound into South Green Lane.
 - (iv) Carry out a right hand turn or “U” turn on the A249 northbound at its junction with Rumstead Lane.
 - (v) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Aerodrome Approach.
 - (vi) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Chalky Road.
 - (vii) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Church Hill.
 - (viii) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Honeycrock Hill.
 - (ix) Carry out a right hand turn from Pett Lane northbound onto A249.
3. The alternative routes for traffic affected by 2(i), 2(ii), 2(iii), 2(iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix) above are either:-
 - (i) via the roundabout at junction 5 of the M2 motorway
 - (ii) via the roundabout at junction 7 of the M20 motorway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(KENWARD ROAD, YALDING) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Kenward Road from Kenward Farm entrance heading northerly for 150m on or after Monday 23rd May 2011 for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Kenward Road, Bow Hill, B2015 Maidstone Road, Hampstead Lane, The Lees, High Street.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for drainage works. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Jamie Finch on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

OTFORD ROAD, SEVENOAKS - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Otford Road, Sevenoaks (residential access road running parallel to main road) from number 114 to 200.

The Order will become effective on 9th May 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 10 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate main laying works.

SWANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, SWANLEY - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Swanley Village Road, Swanley from its junction with Beechenlea Lane for 50m.

The Order will become effective on 9th May 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 10th May 2011 and last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: School Lane, Goss Hill, Gildenhill Road, Church Road and Wood Street

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate BT works.

DARTFORD ROAD, SEVENOAKS - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Dartford Road, Sevenoaks between The Drive and The Vine.

The Order will become effective on 23rd May 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 28th May 2011 20.00 and end 29th May 2011 17.00. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Pembroke Road, London Road, Tubs Hill and St Botolphs Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate removal of a tower crane from Southdown's Homes.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

WEST ROAD, CHERITON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of repairs to a defective area within the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on West Road, Cheriton, on or after 9 May 2011 for up to 3 nights or until the works have been completed.

The works are planned to be carried out between 7.00 pm and 5.00 am each night, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The road will be closed from the junction with Pond Hill Road for approximately 80 metres southwards.

The alternative route is via B2063 Hospital Hill, A259 Sandgate Esplanade, Sandgate High Street, B2063 Military Road and North Road.

SHIP STREET, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ship Street, Folkestone, on or after 23 May 2011 for up to 12 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in 2 phases, initially between the junctions with Foord Road North and Boscombe Road, then from Boscombe Road to Bournemouth Road.

The alternative route is via Foord Road North, Radnor Park Road (plus Pavilion Road and Black Bull Road in reverse) and Bournemouth Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY) RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS OF WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2010

(AMENDMENT NO 11)(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY)

(PROHIBITION OF STOPPING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOLS) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2010 (AMENDMENT NO 1) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, proposes to introduce “At Any Time” Waiting Restrictions at various locations within the District of Shepway.

The purpose of the proposal is to reduce obstruction caused by parked vehicles at junctions where visibility is impaired, thus causing concern about safety. It is therefore considered the most appropriate method to prevent motorists parking in inappropriate locations are by providing corner protection at these junctions.

Existing School – Keep Clear Markings at various locations within the district will be made enforceable and upgraded where appropriate, with signing to remind motorists of the importance of providing clear access to school sites.

The junctions subject to “At Any Time” Waiting Restrictions are:

Roads in Folkestone:
Beatty Road / Wood Avenue
Harcourt Road / Surrenden Road
Jointon Road / Shornecliffe Road (A259)
Langdon Road / Weymouth Road

Roads in Hawkinge:
Canterbury Road / Harvest Way
Canterbury Road / Uphill

Roads in Hythe:
Ashford Road (A20) / Stone Street
Cobay Close / Twiss Road

Roads in Lyminge:
Church Road / High Street

Roads in New Romney:
Craythorne Lane / Rolfe Lane

A copy of the proposed Orders, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX and at Shepway District Council Offices, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY.

Anyone wishing to support, or object to the “At Any Time” Waiting Restrictions proposal should write to Mrs Diane Bourne, Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB quoting the name of the Order and reference No “B1647600 Shepway” and stating their reasons, by not later than Monday 30th May 2011.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

PIERREMONT AVENUE & SOWELL STREET, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of repairs to potholes, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pierremont Avenue & Sowell Street, Broadstairs, on or after 10 May 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

PIERREMONT AVENUE will be closed from the junction with High Street to outside number 6. From 10 May 2011 for 1 day, between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm

The alternative routes are Southbound via High Street, Clarendon Road and Pierremont Avenue Northbound via Pierremont Avenue, Queens Road and High Street.

SOWELL STREET for its entire length From 16 May 2011 for 2 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm The alternative is via St Peter’s Road, The Broadway and B2053 St Peter’s Park Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(LONG MILL LANE, PLATT) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Long Mill Lane, outside of ‘Wychwood’ on or after Monday 23rd May 2011 when required for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Comp Lane, Boneashe Lane, Potash Lane, Long Mill Lane.

UK Power Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to supply a new service. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Alena Piralic of Renteq Traffic Management Ltd on 01634 256291.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(FARNHAM LANE, LANGTON GREEN) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Farnham Lane outside “Cherry Trees” on or after Monday 9th May 2011 for a period of up to 3 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Dornden Drive, Long Meads, Nellington Road, Farnham Lane.

UK Power Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for installing cabling. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Scott Davis on 01732 783986.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(WEST ROAD, GOUDHURST) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on West Road from North Road/Balcombes Hill to Old School on or after Wednesday 11th May 2011 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via A262 Station Road, A21 Lamberhurst By-Pass/Hastings Road, A268 The Mount/High Street, A229 Cranbrook Road/Hawkhurst Road/Hartley Road/Angle Road, A262 Goudhurst Road/Cranbrook Road.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for carriageway patching. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Susan Laporte on 08458 247 800.

Katherine Kerswell
Group Managing Director
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent, ME14 1XQ

Dated 6th May 2011

For further information, please contact
Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800
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PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

PROW - City of Canterbury

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**
**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH CB177 (PART) ICKHAM & WELL)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND
STATEMENT
MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order, made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 will divert that length of Public Footpath CB177 which commences on the A257 Wingham Road at TR 2137 5722 (point A) and runs south-eastwards for 119 metres to TR 2144 5712 (point B) to a new length of Public Footpath CB177 with a width of 2.5 metres which commences on the A257 Wingham Road at TR 2138 5722 (point C), 12.5 metres east-south-east of the aforementioned point A, and runs southwards for 51 metres, thence east-south-eastwards for 81 metres, and thence south-south-westwards for 23 metres to the aforementioned point B.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the offices of Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW or at the Kent County Council Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to Mrs Maria McLauchlan at the Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX (Tel: 01622 696873) before 7th June 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 19

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE
REGISTER OF TOWN OR VILLAGE GREENS**

Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Kent County Council, by Mrs. A. Wilks under section 19(4) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008. The application seeks to correct mistakes by the Registration Authority in making an entry in the Register of Town or Village Greens. The effect of the application, if successful, is to add land to, and make clerical amendments to, the Register of Town or Village Greens for unit number VG128, as described in the Schedule below.

The application may be inspected at the offices of Kent County Council at the address below. Please contact the Commons Registration Team on 01622 221511 to make an appointment prior to visiting to ensure that a member of the team is available to assist you.

Any person wishing to make representations regarding the application should send a written statement of the facts upon which the representation is based to the Commons Registration Team at Kent County Council, either by post at the address below or by email to commons.villagegreens@kent.gov.uk, so as to arrive no later than Wednesday 22nd June 2011. Please quote reference CAA2/VG128. Representations must include the name and postal address of the person making them and the nature of their interest (if any) in the land affected by the application. They must also be signed by the person making them and state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that any representations that are to be taken into account by the Registration Authority in reaching a decision on the application cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain during the processing of the application. Copies of any objections or representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment and may be disclosed to other interested parties, including the

Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

Description and effect of the application

The application seeks to make the following amendments to the Register of Town or Village Greens for unit number VG128:

1. To amend the Register entry so as to remove the reference to 'the Beach Chalets and curtilages thereof' and to replace this with 'the beach chalets and their gardens fronting Faversham Road';
2. To amend the Register plan to reflect the original application place, i.e. to include the land between the northern boundary of the chalets and the southern boundary of Village Green as currently registered. The land to be included in the registration consists of what are now the rear gardens of the beach chalets fronting Faversham Road; and
3. To amend the Register entry so as to remove the reference to 'Seasalter Beach' and to replace this with 'part of the beach at Seasalter'.

PROW - Borough of Dartford

**NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY
CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS DS1, DS30 & DS3**

IN THE PARISH OF SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE

(Public Footpaths, DS1, DS30 & DS3 in the Parish of Swanscombe & Greenhithe)

(Prohibition Of Traffic) Temporary Order 2011

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed:

Public Footpaths DS1, DS30 & DS3, between point (National Grid Reference) NGR TQ 595 754 and NGR TQ 595 751 from the 25th April 2011.

The paths will be closed for a maximum of six months, however the works are likely to extend beyond this time limit and an extension may be applied for.

The paths are to be closed to allow groundworks in connection with Ingress Park secondary means of access and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is through Ingress Park along Duncannon Place and Portland Place to rejoin DS1 at the riverside and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Olivia Bonham
Tel: 01732 872829 (3)

PROW - District of Shepway

**NOTICE OF CREATION AGREEMENT & DEED OF
DEDICATION**

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – SECTION 25

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**DEDICATION OF A PUBLIC FOOTPATH AT PALMARSH,
HYTHE**
**PUBLIC PATH CREATION AGREEMENT & DEED OF
DEDICATION**

RELATING TO

LAND AT PALMARSH, KENT – PUBLIC FOOTPATH HB84

The Kent County Council has recently completed the above named Creation Agreement and Deed of Dedication. The effect of the Agreement and Deed of Dedication is to add Public Footpath HB84 which commences at the western end of St George's Place (Point A, NGR TR 1387 3373) and runs in a northerly direction for 18 metres then west south westerly for 153 metres. At this point there is a pedestrian gate. The path then turns to run in a north north westerly direction for 7 metres crossing over the Romney, Hythe

& Dymchurch Railway to its connection with Nightingale Avenue, again at this point there is a pedestrian gate (Point C NGR TR 1371 372) (between the points A-B-C on the Order plan). The path has a varying width of between 1.5 and 2.0 metres.

All distances approximate, all directions general.

A copy of the Creation Agreement and Deed of Dedication have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Countryside Access Service at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Agreement and Deed of Dedication may be purchased there. Please contact Laura Wilkins at the address above.

PROW - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SECTION 257**

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC FOOTPATH WC256 (PART) FRITTENDEN

**PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND
STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

On 19 April 2011 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under Section 257 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

The effect of the Order will be to divert the entire width of that length of Public Footpath WC256 which commences at the eastern boundary of St Mary's Church (Point A, NGR TQ 8136 4096) and runs in a north easterly direction for 38 metres to its connection with WC257A and the unaffected length of Public Footpath WC256 (Point B, NGR TQ 8138 4099) and to provide a new length of Public Footpath WC256 which commences at the previously mentioned Point A at NGR TQ 8136 4096 and runs in a north easterly direction for 37 metres to the north western side of the new boundary to Frittenden CE Primary School, thence south easterly for 6.5 metres to its connection with Public Footpath WC257A and the unaffected length of Public Footpath WC256 (Point B, NGR TQ 8138 4099). The path has a width of 2.0 metres except for the first 6.0 metres from Point A (NGR TQ 8136 4096) where the width starts at 1.2 metres in order to connect with the existing gateway and gradually increases to 2.0 metres.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Order Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX (01622 221517) during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

The Order comes into force on the date on which the Kent County Council certify that the terms of Article 2 of the Order have been complied with, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to confirmation of the Order, he or she may apply to the High Court for any of these purposes under Section 287 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within six weeks of the date on which Notice is first published as required by paragraph (7) (8) of Schedule 14 to that Act.

For detailed enquiries please contact:

**Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XX**

Dated: 7th May 2011

The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats

For further information, please contact
Kent Countryside Access Service, on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess



LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

Licensing Act 2003

Notice of Application for Grant of a Premises Licence

Notice is hereby given that Paul Hamilton Bowman and Irina Bowman have applied to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of premises known as Café Troika, 49 High Street, Borough Green, Kent TN15 8BT. The application seeks the licence in respect of the following:

The sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises.

The provision of regulated entertainment.

The provision of late night refreshment for consumption on and off the premises, all between the hours of 08.00 and 23.30 Monday to Sunday and 08.00 to 00.30 on Christmas Eve and New Year Eve.

Details of the register of record of the application can be viewed at the Tonbridge & Malling Council Offices (Licensing Dept), Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling during normal office hours. Any representations from interested parties or responsible authorities must be made in writing to the Council by the 26th day of May 2011.

It is an offence, knowingly to recklessly, to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding £5000.


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BIRTHS

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Sebastian James, born on 15th April, 2011, weighing 7lb 6oz. Son to Zoe and Ilir in Ramsgate. Our most beautiful and precious son.

MEAD

Harry, born on 15th April, 2011, weighing 7lb. Son to Scott Mead and Abigail Phippen.

MOUNTER

Beautiful Lucy Olivia Mounter, born at home on 17th April, 2011, at 12.26pm. We love you very much, from Mummy, Daddy and Hannah xxx.

WILLIAMS

Valentina and Paul are thrilled to announce the birth of their first baby, James Maxim Williams, who was born on 13th April, 2011. Proud grandparents are Tochka, Colin, Valko, Barbara, Anthony and Ann. James weighed in at 8lb 4oz.

WINES

Ben and Chelsey Wines celebrate the birth of their beautiful baby daughter, Isabelle, on 15th April, 2011, at Darent Valley Hospital.

DEATHS

CANN

Joan Cann of Margate died peacefully on 24th April, 2011. Funeral

service was held at Thanet Crematorium on 6th May, 2011.

DRYLAND

Anna Dora (known as Dora) on 18th April, 2011, aged 91. Dearly loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at Vinters Park, 13:15, on 13th May. Family flowers only, donations to British Heart Foundation. Many thanks to the staff at Betsy Clara House.

PETERS

Ruth Olive Peters passed away suddenly at the William Harvey Hospital on the 26th April, 2011. Missed by Michael and Anthony and families. Reunited with Henry. Funeral service at St Monicas, Dymchurch, and burial at Burmarsh. Family flowers only. Donations to Pilgrims Hospice, Ashford. Any enquiries to Firmagers Funeral Directors.

READ

John Dennis Read died suddenly on 19th April, 2011, aged 88. Dearly loved father of Michael and David and grandfather to James, Jennifer, Katie, and Jodie. Funeral service at Vinters Park Crematorium, 11:45am, Tuesday, 10th May. Family flowers only but donations may be made at the crematorium.

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THE INTERVIEW

THE world of beauty competitions and glamour modelling is possibly as far removed from the military experience as is humanly possible. And there has certainly never before been a holder of the title of Miss England who has been commended for bravery in a combat zone.

But Katrina Hodge – who says she is possibly still the reigning Miss Tunbridge Wells as the title has not been contested in the years since she won it – has successfully bridged both worlds.

Her autobiography *Combat To Catwalk* tells how 'Combat Barbie' was born.

Kat, who is still a serving soldier with the rank of corporal in the Adjutant General's Corps, explained how her career started.

"I was in the Sea Cadets in Tunbridge Wells – we were Training Ship Brilliant," she said.

"My friends were all thinking about joining the Navy, Army or Marines, but really I wasn't.

"Then my brother said he couldn't see me joining up. People thought I was such a girly-girl and I am. I like to wear dresses, apply make-up and look good.

"But I thought 'Who wrote the rule book to say someone like me couldn't be a soldier?'. The more I spoke about it, the more people thought I couldn't do it, so I set out to prove them wrong."

Kat started the selection process in April 2004 and commenced basic training, which lasted 12 weeks, two months later.

"I started out just thinking about proving people wrong, but by my second week I realised how rewarding it was and that I really liked it.

"After training was over, I was assigned to the Royal Anglian Regiment at Pirbright in Surrey. That was when Combat Barbie came about. I had long blonde hair and arrived with pink suitcases, big curly hair and kitten heels, and as I walked to get changed a voice shouted 'Oh my god, guys – Barbie's arrived'. I never disliked the name – I think it's really funny."

Aged 18, Kat was posted to Iraq in 2005.

"I was a bit apprehensive, but it is what I trained for, so I was excited to," she said.

"One time I was on a search operation in Basra when we were taking a man back to be questioned, and the vehicle we were in was involved in a road-traffic accident.

"My colleagues and I were knocked out and when we came to, the Iraqi was holding two of our weapons. I looked at him and thought 'oh my god, he's going to kill me'.

"But my instincts kicked in and I thought 'I'll just whack him'. It was just a big adrenaline rush and I had to do something.

Katrina takes combat to catwalk all in her stride

Nick Ames speaks to a young woman whose remarkable exploits in the Army earned her the nickname 'Combat Barbie' and whose looks saw her crowned as Miss England

"The incident brought me a lot of attention, especially because of the bravery commendation.

"I hope it has caused women to think about a career in the Army. But it was six years ago and others have done and are doing fantastic things, so it's time to move on."

On her return to England, a friend in Tunbridge Wells had some photographs done for a portfolio and suggested Kat do the same with a view to entering the Miss Tunbridge Wells competition.

"First I had to ask my commanding officer, and that was one of the most nerve-racking days of my life," she said.

"He'd only ever seen me with no make-up

and scraped-back hair and I wondered if he'd think I was being unprofessional and not taking my job seriously. But actually he and the rest of the Army were very supportive."

After winning her local crown, Kat had two shots at the Miss England title, winning it the second time. Again the Army helped.

Kat said: "There is one round where contestants have to dress in a way that expresses their personality. I wanted to show how proud I was to be a soldier, so I went to the Corps museum and they loaned me the dress uniform I would have worn had I been in the Army in the 60s.

"It was blue-green in colour with elaborate ribbons, black leather gloves and black shoes.

"When I wore it, the other contestants thought it was something I'd made myself. They didn't realise it was an actual uniform."

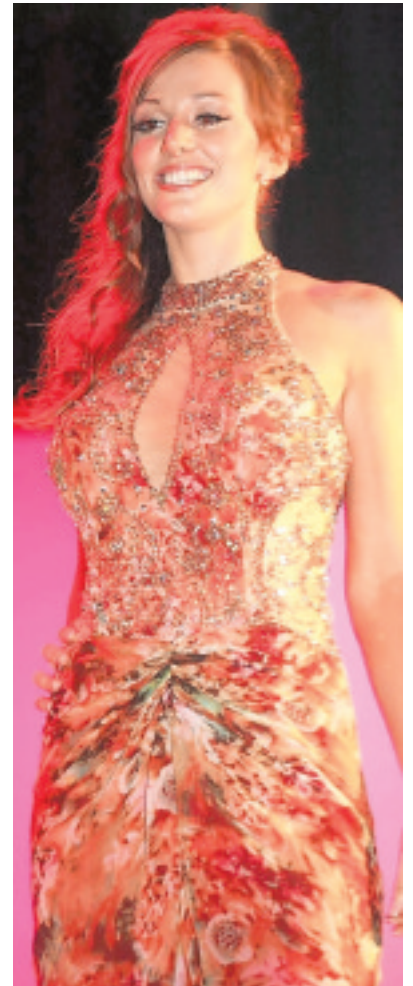
She took a year out of Army life, unpaid, to take on charity work as Miss England and has also modelled for lingerie firm La Senza, Vauxhall Motors and various other companies.

Now she takes on that side of her life out of uniform hours.

"It's hectic, but I enjoy it," she said. "I signed on to the Army for three years at first and I've been in seven. Modelling can't last forever and I know I am not the most beautiful girl in England – I've just been at the right place at the right time. I'd like to do some TV presenting and maybe reality TV like I'm A Celebrity..."

"I'd love that with my Army training."

■ **Combat To Catwalk**, published by John Blake, is out now at £16.99



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TALKING POINT

'Real' death on TV debate

DEATH and dying have hit the headlines after it emerged that the BBC is to screen the final moments of a terminally ill man. The broadcaster's decision has sparked controversy and debate about whether it is acceptable to show 'real' death on television.

Like birth, death is a natural and inescapable part of life, so why is showing it such a contentious issue? After all, we are used to seeing the intimacy and emotion of 'real' birth on TV. Are we afraid to confront the reality of life ending?

The man who features in the scientific series *Inside the Human Body*, 84-year-old Gerald, was a patient at Hospice in the Weald in Pembury, near Tunbridge Wells. The chief executive at the palliative care centre, Rob Woolley, has welcomed the debate about death and dying that news of the programme has brought.

Meanwhile, Vivienne Pattison, the director of the Ashford-based pressure group Mediawatch UK, which campaigns for family values in the media, said the idea of screening the death made her feel "uneasy", but she was not "jumping up and down" about it like the recent "one-sided" coverage of euthanasia.

Both agreed that our unease about seeing death has developed fairly recently, because about 100 years ago, when people died in their homes and open casket wakes were still popular, it would have been all around us.

Mr Woolley said: "There has been a societal change in the way we talk about death and dying. There is an argument that we've over-medicalised death. Acute hospitals and medical professionals – all they want to do is save lives and when they cannot, it becomes difficult for them.

"Hospitals are a great place for doctors and diagnoses, but when we are going to die they are not a great place to go for end-of-life care."

Death has been shown on television before, and in 1998, a scientific BBC programme called *The Human Body* broadcast the final breaths of a man with cancer.

But Mr Woolley said he was surprised about the subject matter when the BBC approached him about their recent programme because it was controversial.

After long discussions about the ethical and moral issues, the hospice asked patients and their families if they wanted to take part. Once they were reassured about how the issues were being handled, Mr Woolley said: "In common with other hospices, we want there to be a more open and honest discussion about death and dying."

"Obviously it was the patient's and his family's choice whether to take part, but we did want to play a role in there being more discussion about death and dying."

Gerald, who had cancer, died on January 1, surrounded by his family. He said he hoped filming his death would help others. He said: "I don't want to die, but pretty evidently unless some miracle happens, I ain't gonna be here very long ... I'm not frightened."

Ms Pattison saw a difference between screening the natural death of Gerald and the BBC programme that filmed a man dying at a Dignitas clinic, that saw it accused of being a "cheerleader for assisted suicide".

"It is slightly different. This one is part of a scientific series, that is the way they are justifying it," she said. "I would say I feel uneasy about it."

"I'm not jumping up and down and I'm sure it is going to be done in a wonderful way, but there is still this sense of unease about these moments being filmed. It is all to do with taboos... it is an incredibly personal moment."

She said the pressure group was not pro or

As the BBC prepares to show the final moments of a man dying from cancer, Jenna Pudelek asks why the subject is still taboo

WHY SHOULDN'T WE TALK ABOUT DEATH?

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VIVIENNE PATTISON,
MEDIAWATCH UK



anti euthanasia, but was concerned that there were a lot of 'pro' programmes.

Asked if there was a concern that death on TV would become normalised, she said: "I hope it does not, and I hope it is treated with respect."

Presenter of *Inside the Human Body*, Michael Mosely, told the *Radio Times* he believed it was important not to avoid talking about death.

"I think there is a case to be made for filming a peaceful, natural death – a view shared by many who work closely with the dying."

Mr Woolley and staff at the hospice know firsthand the importance of talking about dying.

"As a hospice we see the fall-out for carers,



family members and friends if there is not a discussion," he said. "We see the impact on people psychologically and their problems facing grief."

"There needs to be an open and honest discussion and that is particularly true with children."

"It can cause all kinds of mental health problems if there is no discussion about dying."

He said society devoted so much time talking about pregnancy and birthing plans, but no one wants to mention end-of-life care.

"Wills are about money, possessions and funeral costs, not about how people want to die," he said. "That is a big issue for us, all of us."

This is because people are not ending their lives the way they want. A study by the independent think-tank Demos found that two thirds of people want to die in their own home, but by 2030 it is estimated that only one in 10 will achieve this.

Mr Woolley used an example of a man who got in touch with the hospice to say his father needed to come in, but as he had not discussed his diagnosis, could they not mention it was a hospice.

"People try to hide it with the best intentions, but it does not help."

FINAL TABOO:

Presenter of *Inside the Human Body*, Michael Mosely, believes it is important to talk about death and dying. Below, Rob Woolley, chief executive of Hospice in the Weald, and Vivienne Pattison, of Mediawatch UK

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WHAT A STORY: Top left: Count Louis Zborowski and Ian Fleming with the car that inspired a book and then film. Below left is the Count's former home, Highland Court. The film, as advertised above, tells a very different story to the book



The real Chitty Chitty Bang Bang still lives

By Nick Ames

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NEXT week in an auction house in Los Angeles one of the most famous cars in movie history goes on sale.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, complete with silver bodywork and red-and-yellow wings, could fetch up to \$2 million.

But – minus the wings and painted in British racing green – Chitty Chitty Bang Bang really did exist, in three different versions.

Powered by engines originally constructed for Zeppelin airships and designed by millionaire racing driver Louis Zborowski, who lived at Highland Court, Patricxbourne, near Canterbury, the first won two races and was capable of speeds of up to 120 mph.

One was then bought by the two sons of Sherlock Holmes writer Arthur Conan Doyle and eventually broken up.

The second was driven across the Sahara Desert by the Count and his friends before his death in a crash in the Italian Grand Prix in Monza. It was later bought by a man named Bill Hollis from Temple Ewell for £300 and a Hillman Minx.

He sold it on in the 1960s to an American collector for £16,500, who had it displayed at a museum in Cleveland, Ohio. It was loaned to the motor museum at Beaulieu in 1992, before finding a permanent home in the private collection of Bob Bahre at his Paris Hill, Maine residence – the former mansion of Hannibal Hamelin,



GHOST ROAD: Chitty can apparently be heard at night

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The fate of the third car is uncertain but according to rumours it lies buried in a small cave somewhere in the grounds of Highland Court.

Many attempts have been made to locate it – but so far none have been successful

During his time at the house Count Zborowski, the son of a Polish nobleman and an American woman, made the acquaintance of James Bond's creator Ian Fleming, who lived just down the A2 at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe.

Fleming became fascinated with the Count and his cars and wrote his children's story Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, featuring inventor Caractacus Potts and Truly Scrumptious – a name supposed to parody Bond heroines such as Pussy Galore and Honeychile Rider.

The film, which has a story

totally unlike the book, was released in 1968 and a remake is currently being prepared.

In reality the Count – who also started the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway – built the first Chitty in 1920 with the assistance of an engineer named Captain Clive Gallop. It was a chain-driven Mercedes chassis fitted with a 23 litre Maybach aero engine. At the Esater meeting at Brookland Race Track it recorded a win in the Short Handicap with a speed of 100.75 mph.

In 1921 Chitty II was being built and it only raced once. However the Count used it as a day-to-day road car and one of his favourite routes for putting his foot down and opening up the throttle was a straight stretch of road between Bridge and Patricxbourne now spanned by the A2 bridge. It is this piece of highway which has given rise to a further legend concerning the car.

Local folklore says that the roar of the 230hp Benz BZ IV aero engine can still be heard and the car – with the ghostly goggled figure of the Count at the wheel – can still be seen on some dark nights.

The spectral vehicle is then heard driving up to the front of the old mansion, before the sound stops as if someone is getting out. The engines are then heard again receding into the distance.

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Live show Glam rockers' tribute night

Orchard Theatre, Dartford

Thursday, May 19
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FORTY years ago, a record that inspired glam rock was released. Get It On, written by Marc Bolan and T.Rex, spent four weeks at No 1. Now T.REXTASY, the only band endorsed and approved by Bolan's family, will be playing homage to the great man's biggest hits. The group will be joined by Aladdinsane, the country's leading tribute act to David Bowie. They faithfully re-create the sights and sounds of many of his classic songs. Fans say Aladdinsane have the ability to draw in their audience and throw a spectacular piece of rock history right back at them. Classic music fans will not be disappointed by these two top-class glam-rock tribute acts. Rock on with tickets at £19.50 and £18.50.



Time travel A trip back to Hellfire Corner

Dover Castle

Sat to Mon, May 28-30
open 10am to 5pm
www.english-heritage.org.uk

THE final bank holiday of spring brings with it a special event to journey back in time to the Second World War. Discover Winston Churchill's secret bunker at Dover Castle and Hellfire Corner. History buffs can experience what it was like for intelligence experts and soldiers taking cover with the air-raid siren blaring in the wartime tunnels in the chalky white cliffs. Learn what it was like to ration and how evacuation changed the lives of so many people from Kent. See the secret tactics room and dorm rooms that housed the British intelligence teams during the 1940s. Youngsters can also take part in the Dover obstacle course while also learning to make their own gas-mask box to take home.

The Dockyard Night in the museum

Chatham Dockyard

Saturday, May 14, 7.30pm
01634 823845 or email
museumatnight@chdt.org.uk

THE Historic Dockyard at Chatham will host an exciting event in support of Museums At Night. The national campaign, led by Culture24, showcases the unique and vibrant museums, galleries,

heritage sites, libraries and archives around the UK. A Night At The Museum's spooky sleepover, sponsored by Sky Arts, will be held for the first time in the remarkable No 1 Smithery building at the famous Medway dockyard. There have been unexplained experiences in this listed building and scheduled ancient monument since it opened to the public last year. This event includes activities during the evening of May 14, including rocket-firing and a ghost tour in the Wooden Walls of England that is suitable for

all ages. A quiz trail around No 1 Smithery and a sunset ceremony at the end of the evening are all included. Supper and breakfast will be served. There is a limited number of subsidised tickets, courtesy of Sky Arts at a cost of £3 per person, but once these have been sold out, tickets go on sale at the normal price of £25. This event runs from 7.30pm to 9am the following morning and the minimum age to attend is eight. Children must be accompanied by a full-paying adult and all event areas have wheelchair access.

Theatre Broadwater Warren

near Tunbridge Wells

Sunday, May 8
01580 879958
www.rspb.org.uk/reserves

SOMETHING new is happening at the RSPB's Broadwater Warren nature reserve, near Tunbridge Wells. The Company, the Sussex specialists in unusual site-specific theatre, will be presenting their latest family show on Sunday, May 8. You never know what is going to happen with The Company, but it will certainly be a unique experience. Be prepared for an entertaining show and a rollicking good story full of fun, romance and lots of audience participation. Broadwater Warren, which is being restored to heathland, provides the ideal backdrop to this new production commissioned by the Weald Forest Ridge Landscape Partnership Scheme and supported by East Sussex County Council, Wealden District Council and the RSPB. Alan Loweth, a volunteer manager at the reserve, said: "It's exciting to offer visitors this kind of experience. Lots of people already enjoy the reserve, but this is a chance to see it in a completely new light." Phoning ahead essential.



Psychic Sally Morgan in contact

Woodville Halls Theatre, Gravesend

Sunday, May 22, 7.30pm
01474 337774

MEDIUM to the stars Sally Morgan returns to Gravesend with her national theatre tour. Fresh from her Living TV series Psychic Sally On The Road, Britain's much-loved celebrity psychic returns to entertain the north Kent public. Morgan most notably spoke to the late Princess Diana and continues

to use her psychic skills to help stars as well as members of the public, on and off tour. She claims to have seen her first spirit when she was just four. She quickly realised she was different from her family and friends and spent most of her early life hiding her interests and skills. It took many years before Morgan began to understand how to control of the mysteries of the spirit world and eventually became a professional medium. Note that evenings of mediumship are not scientifically proven and are for entertainment purposes. Tickets cost £23 from www.woodvillehalls.com.



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Ghost tour Feel the chill in the night

Chiddingstone Castle
Friday, May 13
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www.chiddingstonecastle.org

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to the early 1500s and has undergone many architectural changes and been owned and lived in by an eclectic mix of families. The early timber-framed Tudor dwelling, inhabited by the Streatfeild family, was replaced and partly transformed into High Street House in the 1670s. The building went through another transformation during the early 1800s when then-owner Henry Streatfeild rebuilt the house to resemble a medieval castle. The children's ghost tour, for youngsters aged eight to 15, will take place between 7pm and 9pm (tickets £8 per child). The adult tours, over-16s only, will be between 10pm and midnight (£12 per person). Places are limited, so call 01892 872746 or visit www.chiddingstonecastle.org.uk.

Historic house Tour of Pugin's dream home

The Grange, Ramsgate
Friday to Sunday, May 13-16
01628 825925
bookings@landmarktrust.org

THE Landmark Trust, a building preservation charity, will be opening The Grange in Ramsgate, which was designed by Augustus Pugin. The free open days give people

a chance to explore this Grade I-listed building designed and lived in by the influential and prolific 19th-century architect. Visitors will be able to see the library, where Pugin designed the interiors for the House of Lords, the private chapel and the opulent schemes that were re-created during the building's restoration using fragments found beneath the joinery. Pugin designed The Grange while other architects were planning symmetrical Georgian terraces. He built very few domestic houses, and at The Grange he tried to create the ideal home

for his family. He also began the construction of St Augustine's monastery and parish church next door. The Grange was restored by the Landmark Trust and now has a secure future as self-catering holiday accommodation. It is available for groups of up to eight people to experience living for a few days or weeks. A free information leaflet will be available at the open days explaining the building's history and restoration. For more information, call 01628 825925 or email bookings@landmarktrust.org.



Concert Equator world music festival

Astley House, Maidstone
Saturday, May 21, 7.30pm
www.equatorfestival.com

THE Equator world music festival is welcoming Arab music sensation Attab Haddad. His blend of jazz and flamenco fusion comes from the the Mediterranean and Middle East and creates hypnotic melodies and sensual rhythms. He is a virtuoso of the traditional Arabic lute or oud, to which he has brought a revolutionary new approach. Attab has also collaborated with other artists as co-composer, producer, musician and session player and featured as a guest on albums and on BBC Radio 3. He is a founding member of the flamenco fusion band Alcazaba. He has also worked in film and TV and worked on James Newton Howard's score for Ed Zwick's film, Blood Diamond. His band have just finished recording their debut album. The concert is at Kent Music, Astley House at 7.30pm. Tickets: adults £8, concessions £5, students £3 (buy them at Maidstone Tourist Information, or visit www.equatorfestival.com).



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10	10	ASTRA 1.4 TURBO 140PS SRI 5 DR, SAT NAV, LEATHER PACK, AIR CON, ALLOYS, BLACK SAPPHIRE.....	£13,695
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09	59	ASTRA 1.4 ACTIVE 5 DR A/C, ALLOYS, EX DEMO, UNDER 12,000 MILES, SOVEREIGN SILVER.....	£8,995
09	59	ASTRA 1.4 ACTIVE PLUS 5 DR A/C, ALLOYS, EX DEMO, UNDER 10,000 MILES, BLACK SAPPHIRE	£8,995
09	59	ASTRA 1.8 LIFE 5 DR AUTOMATIC, AIR CON, EX DEMO, UNDER 10,000 MILES, SOVEREIGN SILVER	£8,950
07	07	ASTRA 1.8 DESIGN 5 DR AUTOMATIC, AIR CON, HALF LEATHER, UNDER 20,000 MILES, SILVER LIGHTNING	£7,695
08	08	ASTRA 1.4 SXI 5 DR A/C, ALLOYS, UNDER 37,000 MILES, SILVER LIGHTNING	£7,450
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09	09	MERIVA 1.4 LIFE 5 DR A/C, EX DEMONSTRATOR, UNDER 7,000 MILES, BLACK SAPPHIRE	£6,995

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10	59	INSIGNIA 2.0CDTI 160PS SRI 5 DR A/C, SAT NAV, 20" ALLOYS, UNDER 10,000 MILES, BLACK SAPPHIRE	£14,995
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10	10	INSIGNIA 1.8 EXCLUSIVE 5 DR A/C, EX DEMONSTRATOR, UNDER 7,000 MILES, TECHNICAL GREY.....	£13,495

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09	59	INSIGNIA 2.0CDTI 160PS SRI AUTOMATIC, AIR CON, SPORTS TOURER, ES DEMONSTRATOR, SOVEREIGN SILVER	£15,895
09	09	INSIGNIA 2.0CDTI 160PS SRI 5 DR AIR CON, SPORTS TOURER, ES DEMONSTRATOR, SOVEREIGN SILVER	£14,595

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11	11	ORLANDO 2.0VCDI LTZ 5 DR AUTOMATIC, AIR CON, UNDER 100 MILES EX DEMONSTRATOR, CARBON FLASH BLACK	£18,995
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10	60	NEW MERIVA 1.4 TURBO 120 EXCLUSIVE 5DR, AIR CON, DEMONSTRATOR, UNDER 5,000 MILES, TECHNICAL GREY.....	£14,995
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08	08	ZAFIRA 1.9CDTI 150PS E4 SRI 5 DR A/C, ALLOYS, E/PACK, UNDER 36,000 MILES, ULTRA BLUE	£9,995
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07	07	CAPTIVA 2.0VCDI LT 5 DR 7 SEAT 4 X 4, AIR CON, LEATHER PACK, E/PACK, UNDER 56,000 MILES, VELVET GREEN ..	£13,995
11	11	AVEO 1.4 LT 5 DR AUTOMATIC AIR CON, DEMONSTRATOR, DELIVERY MILEAGE, CARBON FLASH BLACK	£9,995
10	60	AVEO 1.4 LT 5 DR AUTOMATIC AIR CON, EX DEMONSTRATOR, UNDER 5,000 MILES, POLY SILVER	£8,995
10	60	AVEO 1.4 LT 5 DR AUTOMATIC AIR CON, EX DEMONSTRATOR, UNDER 5,000 MILES, RUBY RED	£8,995
09	59	ASTRA 1.8 LIFE 5 DR AUTOMATIC, AIR CON, EX DEMO, UNDER 10,000 MILES, SOVEREIGN SILVER	£8,950
07	07	ASTRA 1.8 DESIGN 5 DR AUTOMATIC, AIR CON, HALF LEATHER, UNDER 20,000 MILES SILVER LIGHTNING	£7,695

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Forester growing strong

By Sam Davison

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SUBARU could argue that it created the current crossover sector with its original Forester, which arrived in the UK in 1997.

While the newcomer stuck rigidly to established Subaru principles – horizontally-opposed engine and all-wheel drive – the Forester was more high-riding estate car than serious off-roader.

For some buyers, though, this was a big plus since the Forester's low centre of gravity made it less prone to rolling if taken over undulating terrain. It was also an impressive 4x4 holdall for those who wanted practicality and extra grip.

That it didn't take the market by storm like the Nissan Qashqai did a decade later, is probably more due to the fact that Subaru was not then able to offer a diesel option.

But now into its third generation – launched 2008 – the Forester has that capability in the form of a punchy, economical all-new flat-four diesel produced in house by Subaru and representing one of the Japanese marque's most crucial commercial decisions of recent decades.

And as we have found in other models, fitted with this 'boxer' diesel – still unique in the marketplace – it has created a flexible, refined and economical powertrain that also averages around 45mpg in 147bhp diesel Forester models (from £23,070).

This renders the cheaper 150bhp 2.0-litre petrol alternative (from £21,370) fairly pointless with its inferior acceleration and fuel economy – it averages around 10mpg less than the diesel.

The Forester is as practical as ever yet sharper looking than before. The driving position is excellent, with a good high-up view out, aided by lots of glass and little intrusion from the pillars, while boot space is above average for the class.

SUBARU FORESTER XS NAVPLUS PRICE £29,070

FACT FILE



Image:	★★★★
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RUGGED: The Subaru Forester has sacrificed some on-road sharpness to cope with more trying conditions

The interior remains typical Subaru though, erring on the side of durability and ergonomics rather than flair.

And that fits well with the Forester tradition; the old straight-laced estate body may have been ditched in favour of a more contemporary off-roader/crossover look, but you still get the feeling that this car will deliver genuinely rugged performance when the chips are down, or rather, the snow is all around.

There is also decent ground clearance and it may be that the Forester has sacrificed some on-road sharpness in order to cope better with rougher conditions.

Of course, it hugs the bends well enough, but light steering and pliant suspension to cope with bumpy surfaces and easy manoeuvring mean it can't be a poor man's Range Rover Sport, ie a 4x4 car for hard road driving.

Not that too many would be rural-based buyers will worry about that; rather than the rather less rugged appeal of the Qashqai and

crossover wannabes, they want a car like the Forester to help them cope with the sort of hard winters we've had lately according to Kent's newest Subaru dealer, Canterbury Subaru.

Dealer principal, Kevin Ferrell, said: "The demographics for the rural east Kent area are right for the 4x4 dependability of the Subaru line-up, especially the rugged Outback and Forester models – some of the farmers around here will have fond memories of the little pick-up trucks that made the brand popular in the UK in the 80s.

"The CT post code area contains a lot of families who enjoy a rural lifestyle and country pursuits, go to horse shows and so on."

Prices are not the cheapest, but you get what you pay for in term of durability and the specifications are generous with our flagship test car, the £29,070 XS NavPlus, coming with a big electric sunroof, leather seats, sat nav – as the model name implies – and all the other toys expected.

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There's more to MiTo range

ALFA Romeo has revised its MiTo sporting supermini range, with lower entry prices but higher standard specifications, plus a new road tax-busting sub 100g/km CO2 version. Prices for the car, named after Milan and Turin, now start at £12,250 for the entry level 1.4 8v Progression, to £17,955 for the 1.4 TB MultiAir 170bhp Quadrifoglio Verde.



Lucky Seven's special edition

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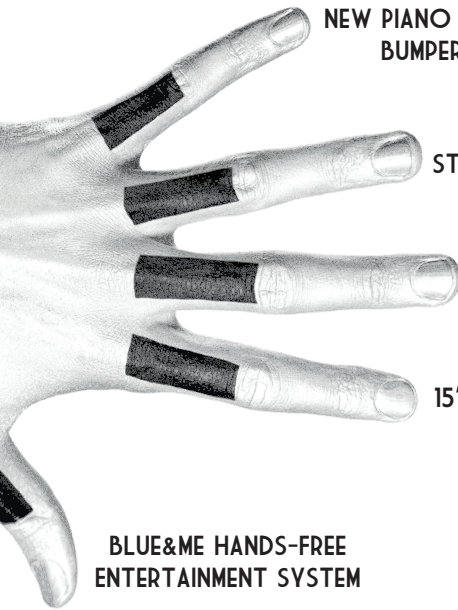
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DIVISION FIVE

Back-to-back titles the aim for Cowdrey

COWDREY Cricket Club begin their first ever season in the Kent League on Saturday, with confidence levels still soaring following last season's promotion from the Regional League.

Secretary Bill Warner believes Cowdrey can comfortably compete in Division Five and is setting his sights significantly higher than simply staying up.

"There's a good feeling, a buzz about the club, and we feel we're probably going to have another good season," he said. "We feel we've got a good all-round side which will suit the division."

"The last four or five sides promoted into this division have done well and most of them have gone on to be promoted again. I think maybe the strength of the Feeder League top division is as strong as the lower end of the Kent League."

The Tonbridge club led the Regional League from start to finish last season and they have been boosted by the new Italian international Gayashan Munasinghe will return for a second season at Swanmead. Phil Sullivan continues as skipper while Lewis Wright, Glen Warner and Jack Southwart will be looking to reproduce their 2010 run-scoring heroics.

Warner said: "We've also got some good youngsters, four or five teenagers who are likely to be in the first-team, and they're only going to improve from last year."

Cowdrey start the season away to Bickley Park's 3rd XI.

KENT CRICKET LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

New recruits at Vine give skipper hope for success

By Steve Tervet

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NEW Sevenoaks Vine skipper Karl Pearson is aiming to lift the Kent League Premier Division title within three seasons following his move from Gore Court.

Pearson finished last season as the Premier Division's second-highest run-scorer, but his efforts were ultimately in vain as Court's sorry campaign ended in relegation to Division One. Having brought former Court team-mates Sam Northeast, Paul Muchall and Tyler Griffin with him to the Vine, Pearson insisted there was now enough quality at the club to challenge the county's most powerful clubs.

"It's a very good set-up here," he said. "The team has probably under-achieved in the last few years, but they're arguably one of the top three sides in the league. Maybe they just needed a fresh face, a different approach. To finish one place above the relegation zone, with the players they've got, that's probably why they went outside the club for a change of captain."

"Between me and the cricket committee, we've set a target of finishing in the top-three in the first year, and then in the next three years, we want to win the Premier League. Sevenoaks have asked me to join them for the past two seasons and to join a club with their history, as captain, was too good an opportunity to pass up."

Pearson's optimism is backed up by a string of positive pre-season results, with Sevenoaks chalking up wins against Tunbridge Wells, Reigate Priory and Holmesdale.

Alongside the more established members of Pearson's squad, much is expected of young all-rounder Mike Thompson, who has been thrust straight into the Vine 1st XI after being plucked from village cricket at Plaxtol. Thompson will make his competitive debut for the club when the



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AMBITIOUS:
New Vine

skipper Karl Pearson (bowling) targets a top-three finish, while Tunbridge Wells started their season with a win against Sibton Park

Vine host Premier Division champions Bromley on Saturday.

Meanwhile, at the Nevill, Tunbridge Wells are already one game into their season after a knock of 92 by Alexander Williams helped them to a four-wicket win at home to newly-promoted Sibton Park on Bank Holiday Monday.

The Wells lost the toss but strong bowling performances by Chris Lawrence (5 for 72) and Fred Florry (4 for 26) restricted the visitors to 232 all out. Geoffrey Paulsen (46) and Gregor Paterson (45) backed up Williams' efforts with the bat to seal the win, to the delight of their new skipper, Evert Bekker.

"It was good to start the season off with a good

result," he said. "On both sides, we achieved things, targets we set ourselves. We're a young side and everyone's shown potential, but it's about realising that potential now."

"We just want a solid season. We've got to play every game as it comes, we've got to play the best we can and if we play to our potential, we should have a successful season. Taking over from where [outgoing skipper] Mark Smith left off is a big task because he was a fantastic player and he did very well for the club. However, I'm hopeful I can get the club going in the right direction again."

Bekker's side face a stern test on Saturday when they travel to Bexley.

DIVISION ONE

Captain Crawford prepared for challenge of leading Tenterden

LIFE back in Division One of the Kent League promises to provide a baptism of fire for Andy Crawford as he gears up for his first season in charge of Tenterden.

The new skipper takes over from Daniel McDonald with Tenterden looking to cement their place back in the second tier of the county structure, two seasons after suffering relegation on the last day of the season.

Crawford has played 1st XI cricket at Morghew Park since 2005, but admits taking over the captaincy comes with its own pressures.

"From a personal point of view, it's a big challenge," he said. "Being back in Division One, the standard will be a lot tougher and looking around, it's going to be quite a strong division this season."

"This is the first team I've ever captained in the Kent League so it'll be a lot more full-on, a lot more to think about, but I'm looking forward to it. It's something I've actively done, rather than

getting the job by default, as happens at lots of clubs."

While Crawford expects the standard of Division One cricket to be significantly higher than the majority of Tenterden's games last season, he has been able to re-inforce his squad. Wicketkeeper Kyle McAllister has joined from local rivals Ashford Town, while schoolboys Harry Meredith and Robbie Palmer will provide fresh bowling options once they have completed their studies.

With Indian all-rounder Timir Chanda once again returning as Tenterden's overseas player, Crawford is confident ahead of Saturday's opening game against relegated Gore Court.

"We've managed to recruit quite well," he said. "We're happy with the make-up of our side, it looks stronger than previous years. Obviously, survival is the first aim when you've been promoted, it'd be unrealistic to think we'll go in and steam-roller everybody."



KEY: Tenterden's Timir Chanda

DIVISION TWO AND DIVISION THREE

Signings boost for Holmesdale and Linden Park for new season

MARK Epps has the rare luxury of a full squad to start the season with as Holmesdale aim to push themselves into contention for promotion from Division Two of the Kent League.

The Sevenoaks club have often had to wait until several games into the campaign before welcoming their full contingent, but Epps, who takes over as captain from Australian Stuart Brown, is not bound by such restrictions.

Chris McEwen will serve as the club's overseas player, while off-spinner Damien Saville has showed promising pre-season form since joining Holmesdale from Surrey side Mitcham.

Epps said: "A lot of our players came through the junior section together and that makes a huge difference because we enjoy playing together. This season, I'll be able to start with my strongest side and that's something that hasn't happened in previous years. Holmesdale host HSBC on Saturday."



READY: Holmesdale host HSBC

Meanwhile, Linden Park have made several additions to their squad as they seek promotion from Division Three. In addition to former Sussex batsman Michael Thornely, the Tunbridge Wells club have recruited all-rounder Hayden James from Haywards Heath and former Broadstairs fast bowler Sean Turner. On Saturday, they visit Addington.

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RUGBY

Tonbridge Juddians miss out on double but learn a lesson

By Steve Tervet

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TONBRIDGE Juddians head coach Peter Dankert believes last Sunday's Kent Cup final defeat to Gravesend has shown his players the standards they will need to reach to achieve a fourth straight promotion next season.

A last-minute Adam Bishop try snatched the cup from TJs' grasp as Gravesend grabbed a thrilling 34-32 victory to retain the trophy at Canterbury's Merton Lane ground. The two sides will lock horns in National 3 London & SE next season following TJs' promotion from London 1 South this term.

Dankert knows life in the National League will not be easy but, typically, the club will be aiming higher than simply consolidating their place in the fifth tier of English rugby.

He said: "Gravesend had five teams finish above them in that division, so we know what we've got to do if we want another season like the one we've just had.

"The players were very disappointed because they wanted to finish the season on a high, but I said to them afterwards it might not be a bad thing to carry that loss with them over pre-season. Every time they're in the gym or going for a run,



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MOTIVATION: Tonbridge Juddians will carry the memory of Sunday's Kent Cup final defeat to Gravesend with them during pre-season

they should keep that loss in their minds.

"It was a very good game of rugby where both teams cancelled each other out and it came down to the very good goal-kicking of [Gravesend's] Dave Dorton, because we outscored them by four tries to two. Both teams wanted to win, but they both looked a little bit frightened to loosen up and let the ball go."

Dankert admitted going into the final without Charlie Harding (injured) and Christophe Blom (unavailable) had hampered their efforts against a strong Gs side, and revealed he was already in talks with several potential new signings to bolster the squad.

"The idea is that we're starting to attract players now," he said. "People are contacting us about coming to play for us,

and we are targeting one or two players. I've got a wonderful group of players and a good set of coaches, led by Steve Farr. They've done a tremendous job and we'll have a little bit of a break now.

"You can't completely switch off, though. I'll be talking with new players and talking to the senior members of the squad about the type of game-plan we'll use next season."

FOOTBALL

Wells boss targets fresh faces to make side a top-three club

TRANSFER talk is already on the agenda at Culverden Stadium as Martin Larkin begins to plan for his third season in charge of Tunbridge Wells.

Boss Larkin led the Wells to a sixth-placed finish in the Kent League this season, edging local rivals Sevenoaks Town into seventh thanks to their 2-2 draw at home to champions Hythe Town on the final day of the season.

Having targeted an improved league finish, strong runs in the FA Cup and FA Vase and a county cup final appearance, Larkin was pleased to have ticked all four boxes but said the club could not afford to stand still over the summer.

"We hit all our targets and now the lads need to look after themselves in the off-season," he said. "I'd like to add a couple of players to freshen things up and we've got some targets in mind. It's easier if you've got big budgets and you can do things quickly, but we haven't got that, so we need to work harder.

"Everyone who's with us now has

agreed to stay. Obviously, if they get phone calls from Ryman League clubs, that's a bit different, but I don't expect any of them to be turning up at other Kent League clubs. We'll be working hard over the summer to get that extra quality we need for a top-three finish."

The Wells could even have denied Hythe the Kent League title after making a flying start at Culverden on Saturday. Andy McMath and Keelan Mooney had put the hosts 2-0 up and with mixed messages arriving from Herne Bay's game at VCD, which eventually finished 3-2 to the visitors, Larkin watched the drama unfold.

"We thought Herne Bay were losing, so it would have been a bit of a shock for [Hythe] because they were already celebrating at 2-1," he said. "It would have been interesting to watch [their reactions at full-time], but we said before the game their title was nothing to do with us and we just wanted to finish above Sevenoaks."



CLOSE: Tunbridge Wells almost denied Hythe Town the title

FOOTBALL

Marsh winner in vain as Town end seventh

VICTORY at Fisher on the last day of the season was not enough for Sevenoaks Town to emulate last season's sixth-placed finish in the Kent League Premier Division.

Keith Levett's side travelled to Champion Hill on Saturday knowing they had to win and hope Tunbridge Wells lost at home to Hythe Town in order to finish above their west Kent rivals.

Adam Marsh put Town ahead at the end of a tepid first-half and the visitors squandered several chances to extend their lead.

Sevenoaks held on to win 1-0, but the Wells' draw consigned Town to seventh at the end of Levett's first season in charge.

RUGBY

Plate defeat brings an end to a tough season

THE rugby season finally came to an end for Tunbridge Wells on Sunday as they lost to Thanet Wanderers in the final of the Kent Plate at Merton Lane.

Having been beaten by the east Kent side twice during the regular London 1 South season, the odds of a Wells victory were further lengthened by the absence of several senior players for the trip to Canterbury.

After a promising start, the Wells failed to live with Thanet's forward power and they shipped nine tries on their way to a 58-5 reverse.

The club holds its annual awards dinner at the Spa Hotel in Tunbridge Wells on Friday.

HOCKEY

No fairytale ending as Oaks fail play-off test

SEVENOAKS ladies will play Conference East hockey again next season after suffering play-off heartbreak over the Bank Holiday weekend.

League champions at the end of the regular season, Oaks travelled to Cannock looking to end a memorable campaign with promotion to the ladies Premier Division for the first time in the club's history.

Things started well as Sevenoaks overcame Buckingham 3-2 in their first game on Saturday. However, defeats to Sutton Coldfield (3-0) and Olton & West Warwicks (2-0) meant they finished third in the round-robin tournament, missing out on promotion by three points.

ATHLETICS

League opener sends clubs to the capital

TWO of west Kent's athletics clubs get their new season under way this weekend as the Southern Mens League opens for business.

Paddock Wood and Tunbridge Wells are both in Division Two South, which sees 16 clubs competing across four different venues on each of the season's five competition weekends.

A trip to Battersea Park awaits Paddock Wood on Saturday as they go up against host club Herne Hill Harriers, Crawley and Medway & Maidstone 'B'.

Meanwhile, Tunbridge Wells start against South London Harriers, Invicta East Kent and Bracknell 'B' at Wimbledon Park.

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TONBRIDGE ANGELS V LOWESTOFT TOWN



Judgement day as Conference South chance on line for Tonbridge Angels

By David Pritchard

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YEARS of hard work will be put on the line this weekend when Tonbridge Angels attempt to win promotion to the Conference South for the first time in the club's history.

As many as 2,000 fans are expected at Longmead on Saturday for the Ryman Premier play-off final against Lowestoft Town, with a place in the sixth tier of English football at stake.

While the visitors are looking to complete back-to-back promotions, the Angels have been contenders to go up for several seasons. A dreadful start to the campaign saw them rock bottom of the division at one stage, but a superb recovery saw them finish the league season second last weekend.

A dramatic 3-2 victory over Harrow Borough after extra time in the semi-final on Tuesday night means they have never been closer to promotion.

Tonbridge boss Tommy Warrilow has been thrilled with his side's form and is praying for one more big performance.

He said: "It's a massive game, the biggest in the club's history. We had a poor start, as we all know, but now we're in the play-off final, so I can't ask much more. I'm so proud of every single one of them, they've all contributed."

"Lowestoft are a good side, but the main thing

is they're coming here. The fans were superb on Tuesday, they stuck with us even when we went from 2-0 up to 2-2, that's what you need, supporters to stay with you when you're having a sticky patch."

It is the club's second play-off campaign in three seasons. Warrilow admitted the midweek victory over Harrow helped exorcise some of the bad memories which still lingered from a semi-final defeat at home to Carshalton two years ago.

He said: "Definitely. I didn't want to wake up on Wednesday morning knowing our season was over. I didn't go to bed the night we lost to Carshalton, I was on a coaching course as well so the next day I had to go and try to be jovial. That was probably the worst feeling because it was finished and there was nothing you could do."

"I've never had so much pleasure in telling the boys I'd see them at training on Thursday because our season's still alive."

The return to fitness of several key players has come just in time for the hosts. Lewis Taylor started his first game since March against Harrow and despite tiring late on, he should keep his place in the side.

The main doubt is over top scorer Frannie Collin, who missed the run-in with an Achilles injury. Warrilow gambled on the rest of the squad reaching the final to allow the striker extra time to recover and plans to name him in the squad.



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CELEBRATIONS: Scott Kinch is congratulated by his team-mates after scoring in Tuesday's semi-final

Lee Browning came on as a substitute, but could be in contention to start, while Danny Walder (back), Chris Piper (groin) and Carl Rook (back) are all expected to shrug off niggles.

Up front Ade Olorunda will certainly start following an exceptional display on Tuesday which culminated in scoring the winner.

The striker said afterwards he hoped it had repaid some of the debt owed to the club after leaving for Hastings United at the end of his first stint at Longmead.

Warrilow was delighted for Olorunda, who returned in December, and felt it justified his policy of staying on good terms with departing players.

He said: "I was delighted to get him back, as soon as I knew there were a few issues down [at Hastings] I was straight in to get him back."

"These things happen in football, there's no point falling out over them, otherwise they don't come back. You always leave the door open, how many players have come back after leaving? That's what I want, I very rarely fall out with players. It's gone full circle with Ade and we're reaping the benefits."

Lowestoft beat Bury Town 2-1 in the other semi-final on Tuesday. The Suffolk side, who came from 3-0 down to draw on their league trip to Longmead in January, have won their last five away games.

FOOTBALL

Olorunda strike wins semi-final

A GOAL deep into extra time from Ade Olorunda settled a thrilling Ryman Premier play-off semi-final in Tonbridge Angels' favour on Tuesday night.

The striker's 110th minute effort proved decisive at Longmead as Harrow Borough were beaten 3-2.

The Angels had lost both league games against Borough, but got off to a dream start. Chris Piper's volley opened the scoring early on and a brilliant hooked finish from Scott Kinch made it 2-0 after only 22 minutes.

Rocky Baptiste immediately pulled a goal back and with Harrow on top after half-time, the dangerman headed in to equalise.

Neither side could find a winner in normal time, but the demands of extra time looked to be taking their toll on Tonbridge. But just as it looked penalties might be their best hope, Olorunda pounced to set up a final against Lowestoft on Saturday.



PACKED: Fans flocked to watch the semi-final

FOOTBALL

Longmead chairman hoping for a happy end to rollercoaster season

ANOTHER nerve-racking game is in store for Tonbridge Angels chairman Steve Churcher as the club attempts to win promotion via the Ryman Premier play-offs this weekend.

The Longmead chief was moved to tears at the final whistle on Tuesday, when the Angels beat Harrow Borough 3-2 in the semi-final after extra time.

The long-serving fan is delighted the club have reached the final, although he expects a tense afternoon on Saturday.

Churcher said: "We're chuffed to bits, but now we're in the final let's go and win it. We've got no fear of going up and I've said all along 'strap yourselves in and we'll go for a ride'. I'm really proud of them, they've all worked really hard."

"I'm not a great fan of the play-offs, but as a club we've done well out of them. We've had the elation of beating Dover [in 2006] and then the disappointment of losing to Carshalton [in 2009]. This time we had the bottle to get

through to the final."

Whatever the result on Saturday, the club's finances have received a welcome boost. By finishing second in the league the Angels have played both their play-off games at home.

More than 1,100 spectators, the biggest gate of the season, watched the Harrow game. The figure could be doubled on Saturday, with Lowestoft the best supported club in the division.

Churcher reserved special praise for manager Tommy Warrilow and the playing squad, who have risen from the bottom of the table early in the season to get within 90 minutes of promotion.

He said: "They've done fantastically well. We started the season with high hopes for them and the start was really disappointing because we thought we had a really good team."

"There was something missing when we started playing, but we turned it around."

BRITISH TOURING CARS

Birthday boy Bartrum left beaming by Jackson haul

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A FOURTH podium finish of the season strengthened Mat Jackson's hopes of landing the British Car Touring Championship (BTCC) for Airwaves Racing after an eventful weekend of competition at Thruxton.

Jackson, 29, left the Hampshire circuit second in the drivers' championship after three top-six finishes which included an explosive start to race three and the runners-up spot behind reigning champion Jason Plato.

Airwaves, the touring car branch of Wrotham-based Motorbase Performance, lead the independent teams' championship after three of the season's 10 race meetings, leaving team principal David Bartrum with plenty to celebrate.

"It was a fantastic day for Airwaves Racing," he said. "I'm delighted that Mat Jackson delivered the 50th birthday present I wanted the most with another visit to the podium. We came here to score points and that's exactly what we did to keep our momentum going and our championship challenge on track."

Jackson's consistency across the first nine races of the season has been key to his championship surge. Having qualified eighth for race one, he eventually came through to finish sixth, following a tussle with Plato.

An impressive drive in race two saw Jackson move fifth place early on and hold off the challenge of James Nash's Vauxhall Vectra to preserve his position. Having kept his fifth-placed spot on the reverse grid for race three, Jackson's



Picture: NICK DUNGAN

JOY: Mat Jackson (right) celebrates on the podium with Tom Boardman (left) and winner Jason Plato

Ford Focus tore past Alex MacDowell, Tom Chilton and Tom Boardman off the start line and he followed Plato all the way to the finish.

He said: "It's an awesome result for the team, it's great to come away with a second place result and to pull some points in from the weekend. We knew that Thruxton was never going to suit

our car and we had to salvage whatever result we could from this weekend. It's still early days, but every point counts and it feels fantastic to be second place in the championship standings."

Jackson's Airwaves team-mate, Liam Griffin, finished all three races for the first time this season, but was unable to bank a point.

GINETTA SUPERCUP

Hill drama at Thruxton

THERE were mixed fortunes for Jake Hill during an eventful weekend at Thruxton, which saw the Goudhurst driver continue to fight for honour in the Ginetta GT Supercup.

The 17-year-old, competing in the G50 class, lined up third on the grid for race one and after being sent into a spin, he recovered to bring the car home sixth and bank valuable championship points.

There was more trouble in the second race as Hill clashed with Aaron Williamson, the damage to his car forcing him into the pits and dropping him a lap behind the front-runners.

However, Hill saved his best for last as he avoided a pile-up at the start of race three and stormed to a second-placed finish behind winner Tom Ingram, once the race had finally restarted.

"What a tough weekend, and what a near miss at the start," he said. "Thank goodness everyone's okay and I'm delighted to have got another podium."

The series resumes in June.

INDYCAR SERIES



PLEASED: Mike Conway moved from 20th up to sixth place at Sao Paulo on Monday

Conway beats Sao Paulo rain to climb IndyCar standings

MIKE Conway has climbed up to fourth in the IndyCar Series after coming through an extraordinary race in Sao Paulo which took two days to complete.

Torrential rain battered the Brazilian circuit on Sunday and when deep water on the track caused Conway's car to stall with electrical problems, the Sevenoaks driver fell back to 20th position.

Race officials then called off racing for the day, before Conway, 27, began making his way through the field on Monday, eventually clawing his way to an impressive sixth-placed finish.

"I'm really pleased with the result," he said. "Although the rain wasn't as torrential [on Monday], the conditions were still really tricky and the track was very slippery so it was a case of trying to stay out of trouble."

"I'm happy coming away with sixth place from starting 20th and the result means I head to the Indy500 in fourth place in the championship with it all still very much to play for."

Practice for the Indianapolis 500 takes place between May 15-20, before the main race on May 29.

GP3 SERIES

Turkey first for Adrian

ISTANBUL provides the backdrop for Adrian Quaife-Hobbs this weekend as the Tonbridge racer looks to make a strong start to the new GP3 series.

The 20-year-old was the fastest driver at final pre-season testing in Barcelona last month and is confident of taking his good form to Turkey.

"I think we're in a good position for the first race," he said. "It was a good way to end testing, because it's the last time you're on the track before the season starts. I didn't do many laps in Istanbul last year because the car didn't start either race, but I qualified third on the grid and I enjoyed the track."

"It's all about consistency in this championship. You could win half of the races, but if you didn't finish the others, it wouldn't be worth it."

Quaife-Hobbs, who finished 15th in the drivers' championship last season, is again driving for Marussia Manor Racing.

The GP3 series supports each of the European races on the Formula One calendar.

TOURING CARS

WITH TIM HARVEY



Touring car legend TIM HARVEY has teamed up with Archant KOS Media this season to bring you a weekly column as he looks to retain his Porsche Carrera Cup title. Harvey, who was brought up in Sevenoaks and schooled in Tonbridge, is in his second spell with Wrotham-based team Motorbase Performance. He describes his defence of the Carrera Cup crown as well as sharing his thoughts, as an ITV commentator, on the British Touring Car Championship

'Hondas showed still cars to beat'

WITH two podiums and the overall championship lead, there's no doubt Matt Neal will be very happy with his weekend's work at Thruxton.

Matt's Honda Civic was the strongest car over the weekend, he walked away with the most number of points and extended his lead at the top of the British Touring Car Championship standings.

Thruxton really is a unique circuit and it gives you a good insight into the drivers' abilities and tactics. I enjoy watching races there because you see the cars right on their limits. A lot of circuits are just straights and 90-degree turns, but around Thruxton, you really get to see the drivers' skill. I'm not just talking about the guys who are winning - look at Tom Boardman, James Nash, Andy Jordan - they are all fighting their cars through 120 mph corners and long slides, everything with the car on the limit. It's then you realise there are no average drivers in touring cars; they're something a bit special.

Mat Jackson continues to impress for Airwaves Racing/Motorbase, he's ended up second in the championship and he got himself on the podium again, but possibly he could have hoped for even more.

Nobody had the perfect weekend at Thruxton, but it did show that the Honda Civics of Matt Neal and Gordon Shedden are the cars to beat. Mat will be simply happy that he's getting consistent finishes because it's not easy to finish consistently, you only have to look at Jason Plato to see that.

Jason drove a fine race to win from the front of the reverse grid in race three, but that all came down to the work he did in the second race. He came from the back of the grid to finish eighth and that was what got him into position at the front of the grid for race three.

Having the Hondas further back on the reverse grid gave him a good opportunity to get a win, but had he been in straight competition with the Hondas, I'm sure he wouldn't have been able to beat them.

As far as my defence of the Porsche Carrera Cup goes, I finished sixth in both races but I can't say I was happy, because in every race since 2004, I've been challenging for race wins and championships. I can honestly say I've never driven harder than I did on Sunday, to finish sixth.

I was giving it 110 per cent, it's the best I can do, but under the current weight regulations I have to accept that's the way it is.





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